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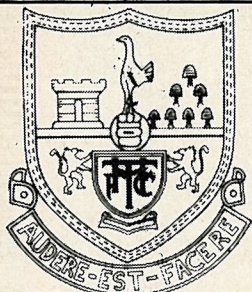
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MILLS



David Mills — "I dare
not look beyond next
Thursday."

**DAVID Mills — Britain's
first £500,000 player —
revealed this week that he'd
rather quit the game than
return to West Brom.**

The former England Under-23 international, currently on loan to Second Division Newcastle, insisted: "There's no way I'll stay at The Hawthorns when my contract expires at the end of the season.

"If it means leaving the game, I will. There's no future for me at Albion," said David, who joined the club in January 1979, from Middlesbrough for a then British record fee of £516,000.

"As I see it, there are three alternatives. Number one is that Newcastle buy me; number two is another club comes in for me and the third is quitting the game altogether.

"At the end of the day, my responsibility is to my wife and family. I can't afford to go on not knowing what's going to happen to me. That's why the situation has to be resolved in the next four or five months.

"There are going to be a lot of players looking for new clubs at the end of the season and quite a few of them aren't going to find them.

"I hope it doesn't come to quitting the game, but I'm not naive. I know things aren't going to be that easy.

"There's no animosity between myself and West Brom. My grievance is with manager Ronnie Allen. We're poles apart."

Option

Claimed David: "The trouble came to a head when he asked me if I wanted to play in a reserve team game. I declined and that wasn't the answer he wanted to hear. If I had been told to play, I would have, but I was given an option.

"He told me that there was a club watching who were interested in signing me, but he wouldn't say who. I felt I was entitled to know.

"I've always been a man of strong principles and I felt that I had to stand up for what I thought was right. I don't regret making the stand.

"But the writing was on the wall for me at West Brom. The manager is the one picking the side and you've either got to accept that the club own you, mind, body and soul or stand up for what you believe.

"I don't feel I belong to West Bromwich Albion any more. As far as I'm concerned, they hold my registration and that's that."

BOMBSHELL

'I'LL QUIT RATHER THAN GO BACK TO ALBION...'

Once the country's most expensive footballer, David Mills is now on loan to Second Division Newcastle.

And here, the star who made soccer transfer history when he signed for West Brom, reveals to reporter Anthony Hawkswell why he may be forced to end his career in the game . . .

But David doesn't regret making the move from Ayresome Park — even though his three-year career in the Midlands produced just 55 League appearances.

"Many people said that the size of the fee affected me, but it's easy to use that as an excuse. I knew it was only a matter of time before the 'record' would be broken. The price didn't bother me.

"There were times when I disappointed myself and let myself down, but there were also occasions when I felt I wasn't given the opportunity to play when I deserved to.

"I don't regret moving from Middlesbrough. All I'd have gained from staying up in the North East would have been about 70 more League appearances to my name.

"At the time, I felt I'd got as far as I could at Middlesbrough. I wanted to win some medals and felt that a move to Albion would help me.

"I believe I've had a fair amount of success in my career. I've been capped at Under-23 level and was a member of a couple of full England squads when Don Revie was in charge."

Now the 30-year-old doesn't know where his future lies. His loan spell at St James' Park ends on Thursday, March 25 — transfer deadline day.

"I dare not look beyond that date at the moment because it could end up being a let-down for me.

"I'm confident that I could do a good job for Newcastle and would like the chance to help them return to the First Division.

"I was very pleased to accept their trial offer because it gave me a chance of first team football again.

"Even though I wasn't given the ideal preparation — I'd only played two first team games in three months — I've been pleased with my contribution," said David, who made his debut for 'The Magpies' against Norwich and scored in a 2-1 win.

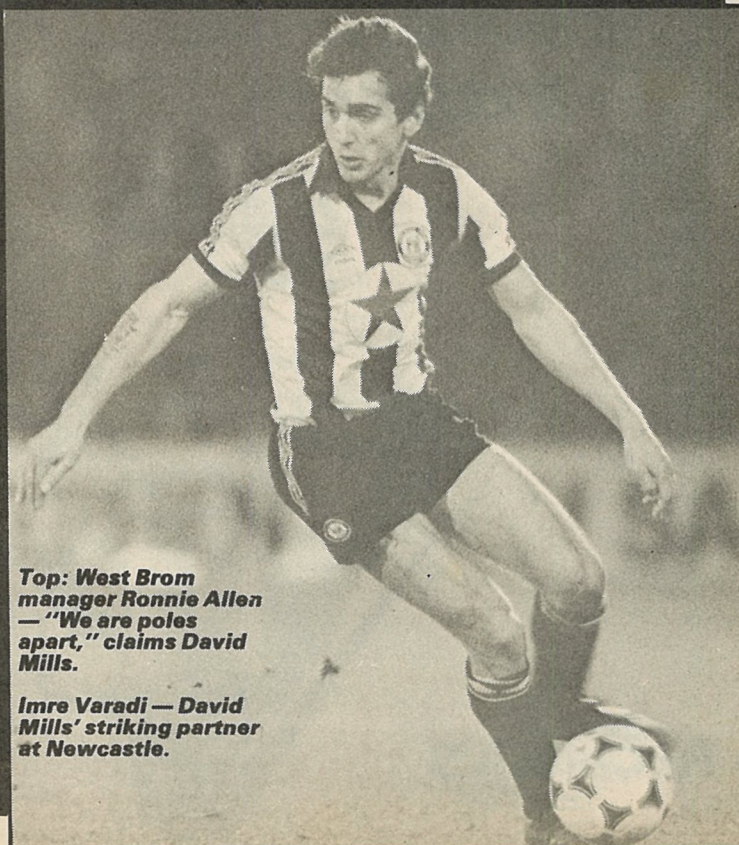
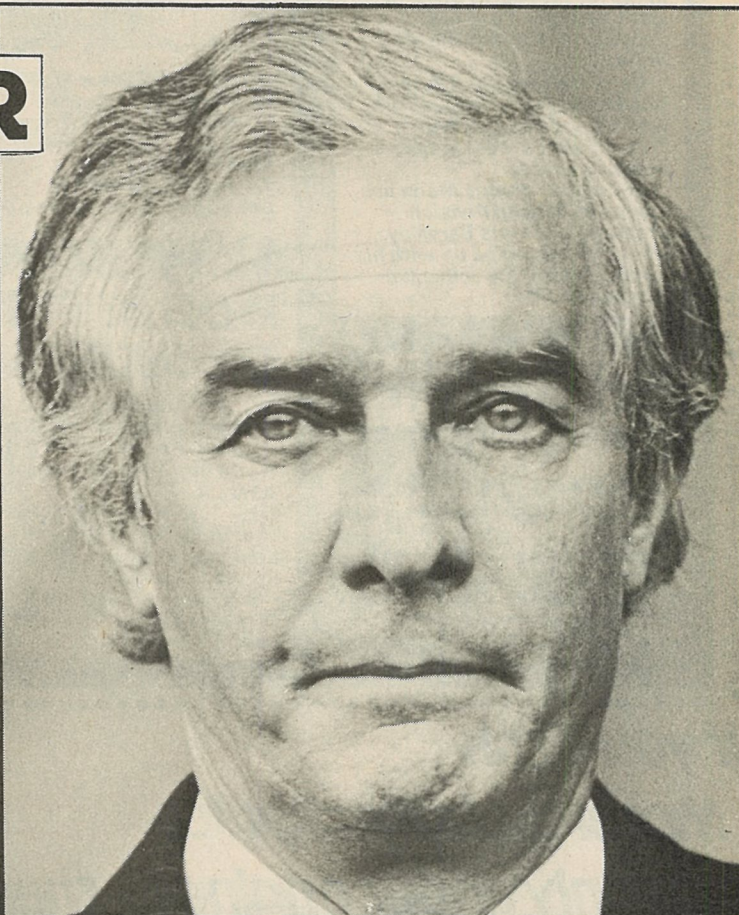
Potential

"What I like about Newcastle is that there's incredible potential at the place. It's got first class facilities, support and some very good young players.

"It will be very difficult for them to get promotion now because I believe Luton and Watford will take the first two places and that means about ten clubs chasing the last place.

"We've dropped some vital points away from home and we've got to stop giving those silly points away if we're to stand a chance."

Utility player David can only hope now that his form alongside striker Imre Varadi in the Newcastle attack has persuaded manager Arthur Cox to splash out the £100,000 West Brom are asking.



Top: West Brom manager Ronnie Allen — "We are poles apart," claims David Mills.

Imre Varadi — David Mills' striking partner at Newcastle.

Ex-City men back in action

MOST of the eight Bristol City players who tore up their contracts to help save the club from bankruptcy are now back in action in the Football League.

Four of them were involved in the recent Fourth Division clash between York and Torquay which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Gerry Sweeney and Peter Aitken were in action for York, while David Rodgers and Trevor Tainton were in the opposite corner.

And striker Jimmy Mann has moved to Second Division promotion-chasers Barnsley where he has linked up with his former Bristol City colleague Norman Hunter.

Manchester derby packs them in . . .

THE latest Manchester derby drew the biggest League crowd for four years when more than 57,000 watched the 1-1 draw at Old Trafford.

The game marked a promising debut for 17-year-old City midfield player Gary Jackson.



MORTON'S John McNeil receives the 'Match Weekly' Scottish Premier Division 'Matchman of the Month' award for November from his manager Benny Rooney.

DOBBIN'S DECIDER

A GOAL from Celtic's Jim Dobbin has boosted Scotland's chances of reaching the Little World Cup Finals in Finland this summer.

His 13th minute goal was enough to defeat England 1-0 before 8,500 people at Rangers' Ibrox Stadium.

But England have the chance of revenge in the second leg later this month.

Leeds lose home record

THE last unbeaten home record in the First Division went with Leeds' 2-0 defeat by Ipswich on February 20.

It was Ipswich's second win at Elland Road this season, having won there in the Second Round of the Football League Cup.

In-form striker Alan Brazil and skipper Mick Mills got the goals as Ipswich chalked up their first League success at Leeds for 20 years.

Leeds' defeat left Fourth Division promotion-chasing Sheffield United with the only unbeaten home record in the four divisions.

Close shave for Cardiff

CARDIFF'S goalless home draw with Barnsley saved them from equalling a dubious club record set in 1933.

Another defeat would have been their seventh in a row . . . a record that has stood for 49 years.

Ipswich youths lose in final

IPSWICH'S youth team lost 1-0 to Fiorentina in the Final of the Viareggio junior soccer tournament in Italy.

Ipswich's hopes received a setback when South African striker Mich D'Avray was recalled for senior duty during the event following the injury to England's Paul Mariner.

Jim's a director

DUNDEE United boss Jim McLean has made soccer history in Scotland by becoming the first manager to be made a director of a club.

He has signed a contract that will keep him at Tannadice for the rest of his career.

Under his guidance, United have won the League Cup twice in the past three years.

Sun-seeker Jim gets the job

JIM Smith, sacked recently by Birmingham, was holidaying in Majorca when he heard he had been appointed manager of Third Division Oxford.

Jim, who has had managerial experience in the lower divisions with Colchester, has signed a two-year contract to replace Ian Greaves, the new boss at Wolves.

DID YOU KNOW!

NOWHERE else in the country do clubs change their managers more quickly than in Yorkshire.

The county has 12 clubs in the Football League, and Sheffield Wednesday's Jack Charlton is the longest-serving manager.

Yet he has only been at Hillsborough since November 1977.

DERBYSHIRE, down the years, has produced nine full international goalkeepers.

No other county has produced that many, and there could soon be another with Chesterfield-born Leeds goalkeeper John Lukic having already collected England Under-21 honours.

ALL these six evergreen goalkeepers have more than 15 years of League life behind them:

Pat Jennings (Arsenal), whose League debut was made in May, 1963, Andy Rankin (Huddersfield, November 1963), Neil Ramsbottom (Bradford City, January 1966), Ken Mulhearn (Crewe, October 1964), John Jackson (Ipswich, November 1964), and Peter Shilton (Nottingham Forest, May 1966).

Donachie departs

THE return to the Football League of former Manchester City and Scotland full-back Willie Donachie was a short one.

After just 15 Second Division appearances for Norwich, the left-back has rejoined American club Portland Timbers for £200,000 . . . the same price as Norwich paid for him five months ago.

Willie had been unable to regain his place in the team following an injury.

Meanwhile, Carlisle striker Peter Beardsley signed off for this season with a second minute goal in the Third Division side's 1-1 home draw with Swindon.

The young forward has returned to Vancouver Whitecaps, who signed him from Carlisle last season for more than £200,000.

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David's dilemma

LUTON winger David Moss is still undecided about whether to return to America this summer.

With Luton hot favourites for promotion to Division One, his American commitments would mean him missing the first few games of next season.

"I wouldn't really want to do that next season, if we're in Division One," says the former Swindon player who has one year of his contract left at Luton.

"I've never played in the First Division, and at the moment I feel as if I'd like to experience as much as possible of life at the top."

No rush at Rotherham

ROTHERHAM player-manager Emlyn Hughes refuses to think about his side's promotion prospects from Division Two.

Eight successive wins last month rocketed the Third Division champions into the promotion reckoning, but the former England and Liverpool skipper says:

"Right now my number one aim is still consolidation in this division.

"When we've got enough points to assure us of that, then I'd like to start introducing some of my youngsters, to give them experience of first team soccer."

John Wile —
"Two-leg cup
ties do nothing
to win back the
missing fans."



WILE STANDS ON ONE LEG!

WEST BROM'S long-serving skipper John Wile has hit out at the idea of playing League Cup Semi-Final ties over two legs.

He claims that not enough commitment is shown in the first leg to give fans their money's worth.

Albion, of course, were beaten 1-0 on aggregate by Tottenham in this season's Semi-Finals — Mike Hazard scoring the only goal in the second leg at White Hart Lane.

But John is quick to point out that his opinion of two-leg cup-ties is one he has held for some time.

Referring to Albion's goalless first

leg clash with Spurs at The Hawthorns, the big centre-half commented: "There was no commitment in an attacking sense.

"I'm not blaming Tottenham because we would have played it tight as well.

"But you can't help feeling sorry for the spectators.

"One-off matches generate far more excitement and, although I realise the advantage of two-legs from a financial point of view, they do nothing to win back the missing fans."

Ball rolls on

MILESTONE time for Southampton's Alan Ball and Watford's Luther Blissett.

Former England star Ball clocked up his 700th League appearance in Southampton's 3-1 home defeat of Birmingham.

And Blissett celebrated his 200th League appearance for Watford with two goals in the 3-1 win at Orient.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

REF IN A SPIN!

What goes up must come down... and Welsh referee Gwyn Owen is forced to take evasive action as the coin spun by England captain Kevin Keegan (right) comes down over the man in the middle's head.

What makes it even funnier is that it was all a sham anyway. Keegan and Northern Ireland captain Martin O'Neill (left) had already 'tossed-up' in the dressing rooms before taking to the pitch for the British Championship clash at Wembley.



Charlton rejects comeback

'BOBBY Charlton makes a Football League comeback at the age of 44.'

That would be the headline if Wigan player-manager Larry Lloyd had his way.

Charlton, still England's best-loved footballer and a director of the Fourth Division promotion hopefuls, admits:

"Several times Larry has suggested to me that I might consider turning out for the first team.

"But I've had to say no. I'm enjoying myself too much just watching the kind of football I've seen in the Fourth Division this season.

"And that's not only a biased view of my own club, either. I've been impressed with a number of sides that I've seen.

"In fact, some games couldn't have been bettered for excitement and entertainment, even in the First Division."

But Bobby is making a temporary return from retirement to take part in a special charity match at Crystal Palace's Selhurst Park in May.

He will link up with his old team mates from the England World Cup winning team of 1966 in a match against a team of ex-internationals and celebrities in aid of the 'Save the Children' fund.

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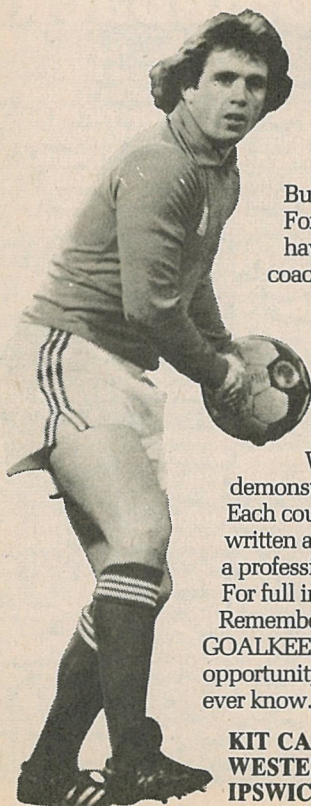
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Melvyn Beck turns the spotlight on the FA Cup Quarter-Final that had everything — seven goals, seven bookings and four different goalkeepers!

'I'D PLAY IN GOAL AGAINST SPURS' SAYS STRIKER ALAN YOUNG

LEICESTER skipper Mark Wallington, a permanent fixture in the Filbert Street goal since the mid-seventies, is under threat . . . from striker Alan Young!

After Alan's dramatic stand-in goalkeeping act in the FA Cup Quarter-Final victory over Shrewsbury, the popular Scot announced with tongue in cheek:

"Yes, I'd play in goal against Tottenham in the Semi-Finals if that was the only way I could get into the team.

"But I would want a different colour jersey because I hate green. I haven't got any green clothes at all at home.

"And I would also want a little more action because in the second half against Shrewsbury I was bored!

"I didn't get a lot to do which is all credit to our defence and midfield who kept them at bay, but there was only one team who wanted to play in the second half and that was Leicester.

"I think perhaps the injury to Mark raised our level of performance because we were a little angry about the challenge on him.

"I was nervous when I first took over just before half time and I almost dropped a clanger with my first save.

"I almost came out too far for a



Leicester goalkeeper Mark Wallington is out for the count and Alan Young (right) wears the worried look of a man who is seconds away from making his debut between the sticks!

cross and I had visions of it sailing over my head, but I managed to hang on to it.

"Right back Tommy Williams helped me throughout the match. He's a bit of a joker and he kept taking the mickey to try and keep me relaxed."

Alan was so far removed from the action that he didn't know who had scored Leicester's three second half goals until he returned to the dressing room.

"I was just happy to keep seeing the ball go into their net but I couldn't tell who was scoring the goals.

"Afterwards I got the expected jokes about diving into bed on Saturday night and missing it, and physio John McVey asked me for my hand size so that he could get me a pair of goalkeeping gloves."

It was not until the seemingly indestructible Mark was hurt that the Leicester players suddenly

LEFT: 'Where am I?' Alan Young (centre) is helped to his feet by team mate Eddie Kelly (left) and physio John McVey after being injured early in the second half while standing in for Mark Wallington.

realised they hadn't a replacement lined-up.

"With Mark never getting injured, we had never bothered to mention it," says Alan.

"It was ironical that in the week everyone talked about his 333rd consecutive appearance he should get injured.

"When he was lying there injured I looked around to see who could go in goal and I thought I was the only candidate because I was tall and I fancied it a wee bit.

"We had a substitute striker and so it was no use unbalancing the back four or midfield, so I volunteered for the job.

"I had never played in goal before as far as I can remember although after training I have often slipped on the gloves and thrown out challenges.

In fact, Alan almost finished the same way as Mark after being injured early in the second half.

"I went up for a high bouncing ball and the lad came under me. My first reaction was to keep hold of the ball and so I didn't protect myself when I fell.

"I banged my head on the

ground and I was dazed for a while and had to go off.

"I eventually returned up front with Steve Lynex in goal. The boss suggested that I ran around a bit to clear my head before going back in goal.

"When I got the signal to go back in goal I didn't think I was ready, but the boss insisted, and you don't argue with him."

Now it's FA Cup favourites Tottenham barring Leicester's way to Wembley, but the prospect doesn't worry Alan.

"We did the double over them last season in the First Division although they have a better team now.

"We also know that Tottenham will let us play football, and that suits us.

"So I think we have every chance of causing an upset."

Oh the agony!

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THE DAVID

THE race for the First Division Championship is still in the melting pot, but for me it's Liverpool for the title.

I'm backing them to regain the coveted crown despite strong claims from the other main contenders, Arsenal, Tottenham, Southampton, Ipswich, Swansea and Manchester United.

It's all building up to a thrilling climax to the season, but Liverpool, despite re-shaping their side, appear to have the credentials once again to lift the title.

They have the staying power and consistency with the added ability of being able to bounce straight back from any setback.

And one would always back them to out-stay the other contenders in the title race.

There's the dourness of Arsenal who have crept through on the rails; the adventure and dash of Southampton, Tottenham and Ipswich, the revelation at Swansea and the expensive talents of Manchester United.

All those teams have the right at the moment to regard themselves as potential title-winners.

Southampton are a very experienced and entertaining side whose adventurous policy always offers chances to the opposition.

We felt aggrieved at losing 2-1 at The Dell last month, but I would prefer to play them at any time than the likes of Liverpool and Ipswich, who are difficult to penetrate.

Generally, it's the teams with that uncharitable streak that tend to win championships as Aston Villa proved last season.

Liverpool, and possibly Manchester United, fall into that category at the moment.

Injuries could well cripple Ipswich's chances again, although when beaten by us 2-0 earlier this month, they produced some very impressive football in the first half.

Tottenham are probably the in-form team at the moment and I'm glad we caught them cold early in the season when I managed to score four goals against them.

Phenomenal

Swansea, promoted with us last season, have surprised everyone, although as the season progresses, their victories are no longer surprising.

They have had a phenomenal season, having maintained their impressive start while we, unfortunately, fell away.

Manager John Toshack has welded a strong squad together but one wonders whether they can maintain their form right up to the death.

I suppose that if I was a gambler, I would go for a safe wager and that's Liverpool in this case, because you can always guarantee a good run for your money.

With three points for a win, any team can leap right into the frame with three or four wins on the trot. Our goalless draw at Everton

ANFIELD SCROOGES IN LINE FOR TITLE

WEST HAM striker David Cross looks at the First Division title race and names Liverpool as his favourites for the Championship. Read his exclusive column every fortnight . . . it's only in Match!

and the 2-0 home defeat of Ipswich boosted confidence at Upton Park after a lean spell, and we are still hopeful of making up some lost



ABOVE: West Ham's 2-0 victory over title-chasing Ipswich marked the return after injury of England midfielder Alan Devonshire.

FAR RIGHT: Belgian international Francois Van der Elst — on target for Hammers against Ipswich.

ground.

Alas, I missed two matches following a training accident.

I damaged my shoulder doing a forward roll in a training session and, at the time, I thought I had broken it.

However, it was not as serious as I first feared and I was able to continue light training.

The match with Ipswich marked the return of England prospect Alan Devonshire after a two-month absence and he responded with the opening goal.

It was a calculated risk as Alan hadn't trained until just 24 hours before the match, and I thought he might struggle towards the end.

But he's a very fit person who needs very little training to keep in trim and his return gave the side a considerable boost.

He has been an important cog in the side for the past three or four years and his ability to hold the ball up and work down the left flank has been sadly missed.

It may be putting unfair pressure on the youngster, but his comeback could well signal our return to form.

Watching the win over Ipswich was a very frustrating experience.

I'm one of the world's worst watchers, particularly if West Ham are playing, as I am suffering all

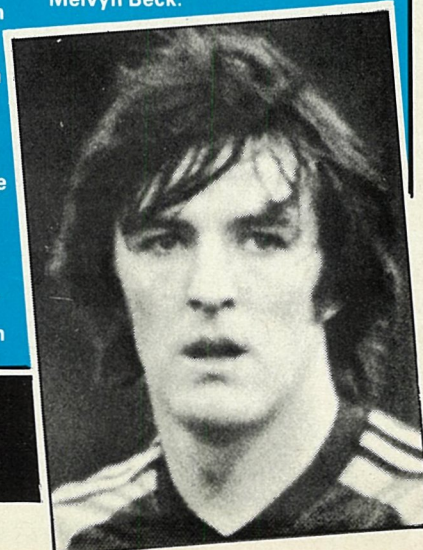
the same frustrations as the players.

And it makes me upset at times to hear supporters criticising when they are not aware of the problems on the field.

I realise they pay their money and are at liberty to express their opinions, but it does get a little frustrating to say the least.

David Cross

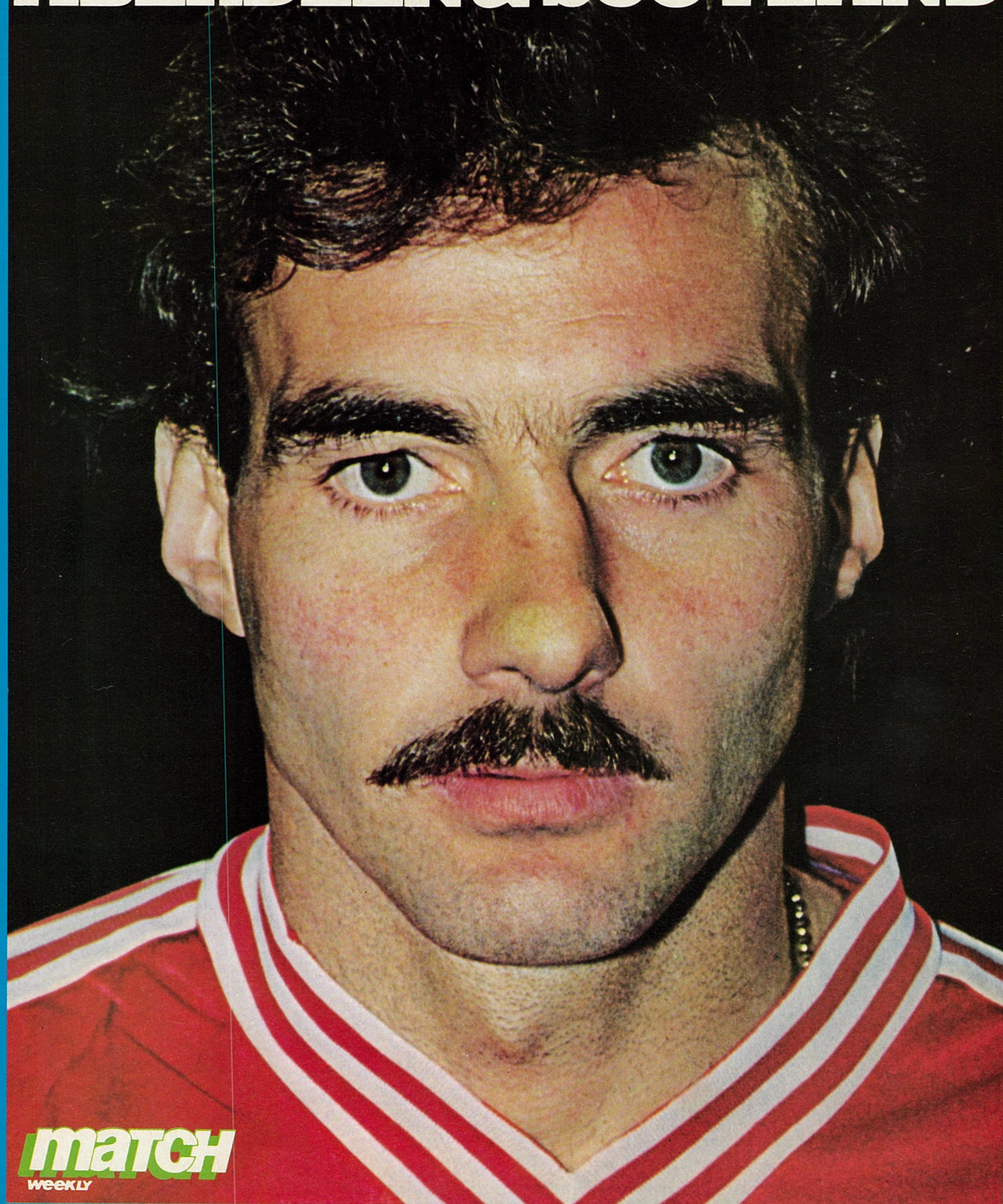
● David Cross was talking to Melvyn Beck.



CROSS COLUMN

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Stratton on Saturday

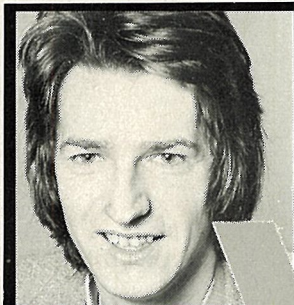
£5 IS THE PRIZE!

I'M Paul Stratton and if my challenger (opposite) can prove he's a better tipster than me, he wins £5!

In the panel below, I've given my predictions for ten selected matches, and you can see my opponent's predictions alongside them.

There's a space for your forecasts and a column for the actual result, so just for fun, you can try and beat me too.

Award two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline wrong.



Pictured above is my special guest opponent this week — 13-year-old Adrian Bagnoli of Millhouses, Sheffield. Despite living in Yorkshire, Adrian is a Liverpool fan and his favourite player is striker Kenny Dalglish.

'Cyanide' Cyrille to kill off the Blues!

CYRILLE Regis gave Birmingham three good reasons to remember him at St. Andrew's earlier this season.

He fired his team into a 3-1 lead with a magnificently taken hat-trick inside 69 minutes.

And while Birmingham fought back to earn a 3-3 draw with goals from Tony Evans and Frank Worthington, then manager Jim Smith admitted afterwards: "We got out of the grave to earn a point."

I fancy new 'Blues' boss Ron Saunders may have to do some digging himself if his side are to leave 'The Hawthorns' with anything to show in the League return on Saturday.

Saunders' first two games in charge saw two defeats — 3-1 at

Southampton and 1-0 at home to Manchester United.

If there is to be a miraculous change in fortunes for relegation-haunted Birmingham, it isn't going to happen overnight.

West Brom, meanwhile, have the security of an FA Cup Semi-Final place and any number of League games in hand, which, if they won them, would push them into the race for a UEFA Cup place.

They can start that climb with three points on Saturday.

Leeds currently face similar problems to Birmingham, but I fancy they can help their cause with victory over goal-shy Nottingham Forest at Elland Road on Saturday.

Meanwhile, if it's full-blooded entertainment you are looking for,

Spurs' clash with Southampton at White Hart Lane will take some beating.

'Saints' may stand above Tottenham in the League, but Keith Burkinshaw's side simply oozes confidence at present and Southampton's away record is hardly that of a team chasing the title. It's Spurs for me.

I've predicted possible scorelines for ten of Saturday's matches and the challenge is beat me if you can.

As usual, there is a £5 note at stake in my special challenge against one lucky 'Match Weekly' reader (see panel above).

● Bad luck to Tony Rogers of Chingford, London, my guest opponent in the March 6 issue of 'Match'. We drew, five points each.

Fixtures

Friday, March 19
DIVISION THREE
Southend v Preston

Saturday, March 20
DIVISION ONE

Coventry v Arsenal
Ipswich v Aston Villa
Leeds v Nott'm Forest
Liverpool v Sund'nd
Man. City v Everton
M'bora v West Ham
Notts Co. v Man. Utd
Stoke v Brighton
Spurs v Southampton
W.B.A. v Birmingham
Wolves v Swansea

DIVISION TWO

Bolton v Norwich
Cardiff v Cambridge
Chelsea v Rotherham
C. Palace v Luton
Grimsby v Derby
Newcastle v Oldham
Orient v Barnsley
Q.P.R. v Charlton
Sheff. W. v Leicester
Watford v Shrewsbury
Wrexham v Blackburn

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Doncaster
Burnley v Brentford
Carlisle v Newport
Ch'field v Bristol C.
Exeter v Wimbledon
Lincoln v Oxford
Millwall v Hudd'sfld
Plymouth v Walsall
Portsmouth v Fulham
Reading v Chester
Swindon v Gillingham

DIVISION FOUR

B'rmouth v Tranmere
Blackpool v Sheff. U
Halifax v Crewe
Hartlepool v Aldershot
Hereford v York
Hull v Port Vale
Mansfield v Stockport
Northampton v Bury
P'boro v Scunthorpe
Rochdale v Darlington
Wigan v Colchester

SCOTTISH

PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v Dundee U
Celtic v Airdrie
Dundee v Hibernian
Morton v St Mirren
Rangers v Partick

FIRST DIVISION

Clydebank v Qn of S
Dunfermline v Dumbarton
E. Stirling v Raith
Hearts v Queen's Pk
Kilmarnock v Falkirk
Motherwell v Hamilton
St Johnstone v Ayr

SECOND DIVISION

Albion R. v Alloa
Clyde v Berwick
E. Fife v Stirling
Forfar v Stranraer
Meadowbank v Cowdenb'th
Montrose v Brechin
Sten'muir v Arbroath

Sunday, March 21

DIVISION FOUR

Bradford v Torquay

MATCH Saturday, March 20

Leeds v Nott'm Forest
Spurs v Southampton
West Brom v Birmingham
Orient v Barnsley
Wrexham v Blackburn
Millwall v Huddersfield
Portsmouth v Fulham
Rochdale v Darlington
Wigan v Colchester
Morton v St Mirren

MY FORECAST

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GUESTS FORECAST

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YOUR FORECAST

RESULT

WHO WON THIS WEEK?

POINTS SCORED

PAUL

YOURSELF

AGGREGATE SCORES
CARRIED FORWARD
TO NEXT WEEK

PAUL

YOURSELF



Flynn looks for a boost at Burnley

WELSH skipper Brian Flynn has returned 'home' to Burnley to revive his flagging League career.

The diminutive midfield dynamo believes he is still good enough for the First Division, but has been out of favour at Elland Road since the end of October.

Now Brian, who was close to leading Wales into the World Cup Finals, finds himself on a month's loan to the Third Division club who discovered him in schoolboy football.

But he's not given up all hope of salvaging his First Division career... even with Leeds.

He hopes that his second spell at Turf Moor will boost Burnley's promotion chances and give his own career a much-needed lift.

Ironically, he rejected a £300,000 move to Stoke earlier this year which would have guaranteed him top flight football, but he has no regrets.

"At that time, I didn't feel that a move to Stoke was the right one for me. I had hopes of regaining my place in the Leeds side," explains Brian, who left Burnley for Leeds five years ago for £175,000.

"But the situation has changed since then and I had no hesitation in going to Burnley on loan.

"I know I'm dropping down to the Third Division, but they are a great club and are doing

well.

"As far as I am concerned at the moment, it's better for me to be playing for a successful Third Division team than for a First Division club's reserve side.

"I still regard myself as a First Division player and would love to stay there, but you can't always have everything you want in football.

"If I do well at Burnley and help their promotion bid, then perhaps if I return to Leeds at the end of the month I might have had the injection I needed to fight for my first team place.

"Leeds have been struggling for most of the season and the manager has been making changes here and there in a bid to find a winning formula.

"Unfortunately, I don't seem to figure in his plans at the moment so this move to Burnley came at the right time.

"It's been frustrating playing in the reserves, but I don't think I had a stinker."

Brian doesn't think that his move will affect his international prospects.

"We've only got a few friendlies lined-up before the European Championship qualifying matches start next season," he says.

"By then, I hope my future is sorted out and I'm playing in the First Division again."

I'M a 16-year-old Liverpool fan and I'd like a boy pen friend, aged 16 or over, from Scotland or Liverpool. I don't mind which team he supports.
Tracey Miles, 17 Irving Walk, Swanscombe, Kent DA10 10ER.

I'M an eleven-year-old Liverpool supporter. I'd like a pen pal, aged 11 to 13, from West Germany.
Lynda McKillop, 4 St Mary's Road, Montrose, Angus, Scotland.

JAM are my favourite band. I'm a 12-year-old Manchester United fanatic and I would like a pen friend of either sex who supports United.
John Marshall, 429 Old Bedford Road, Luton, Beds.

I AM a 15-year-old West Ham supporter and I'd like a pen pal aged 15 to 18 who regularly watches Dundee United.
Sharon Thompson, 69 Longacre, Ash, Aldershot, Hants. GU12 6RLO.

I'M a 14-year-old Leeds supporter and I would like pen pals from anywhere in the world who support any team.
Andrew Clarke, 75 Harehills Lane, Potternewton, Leeds 7, Yorks.

I'M a 15-year-old Italian boy and I'm a great fan of Arsenal. I'd like any Arsenal supporters to send me pennants, books, photos and postcards concerning the 'Gunners'. In exchange, my pen pals would get Italian football equipment.
Michele De Respinis, via L. Rovelli 38, 71100 Foggia, Italy.

I AM a 17-year-old Chelsea fanatic and I'd like a female Chelsea fan, of similar age, to write to me from anywhere in the world.
Nick Blackman, 177 Carden Avenue, Patcham, Brighton BN1 8LE.

I'M 16½-years-old and I support Ipswich Town, although Aston Villa striker David Geddis is my hero. My favourite groups are O.M.D., Soft Cell, and Haircut 100. I would like a boy pen friend of similar age.
Tracy Dawson, 7 First Avenue, Walton-on-Naze, Essex.

Pen pals

FALLEN BY THE WEM

WITH the Semi-Final draw pairing Spurs against Leicester and West Brom against Q.P.R., all talk now is of the FA Cup Sixth Round winners.

But spare a thought for the losers — those teams whose Wembley dreams were shattered just two games away from the famous twin towers.

Match Weekly has been talking to some of the stars for whom Quarter-Final day signalled the devastation of Cup defeat . . .

MIKE Fillery will never hit a sweeter free kick than the one which gave Chelsea the lead against London rivals Spurs.

The talented Chelsea midfielder's shot screamed into the Spurs net with the speed and precision of a bullet from a gun.

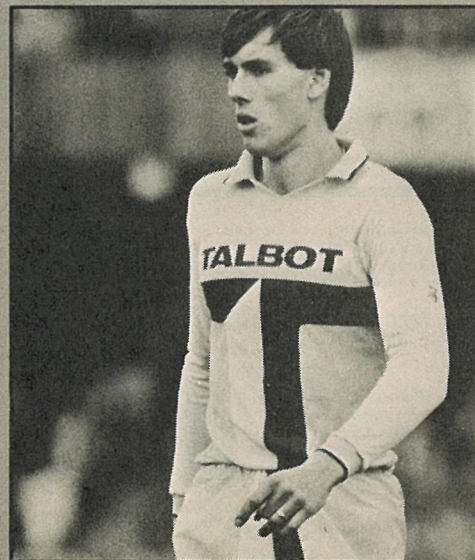
With two minutes to go before half-time, Chelsea were one-up and the crowd went wild.

Their side had already beaten Liverpool 2-0 in the previous round and suddenly another shock result was on the cards.

But sadly for the Second Division side, it wasn't to be.



Palace goalkeeper Paul Barron — "It was devastating to lose when we were so close to the final whistle."



Mark Hateley of Coventry: "We didn't deserve anything at West Brom."

Spurs killed off the dream in a devastating spell early in the second half to take a 3-1 lead.

And while Chelsea pulled one back with 25 minutes still to go, Spurs' grip on the Cup rarely looked in danger again.

'Blues' man of the match Fillery admits defeat so close to Wembley was a "choker" but he says: "It was a good game and I think the most important thing is that it was enjoyable for the fans."

"Of course, I was delighted when my free-kick hit the back of the net, but we knew there was still 45 minutes to go and you don't think about winning at that stage."

"At half-time, the manager just told us to keep playing as we were."

"But Spurs had a good spell early in the second half."

"Their equaliser was a bit fortunate because it was an unintentional handball by Micky Nutton that gave away the free kick."

"And while our 'keeper Steve Francis was sick that he didn't hold on to Glenn Hoddle's shot, it was unlucky that his knee knocked the ball into Steve Archibald's path as he hit the ground."

"We did well to get back into the game and make it 3-2 after Spurs had taken a 3-1 lead and I was still optimistic because their defence had been a bit suspect."

"Naturally we were disappointed because we thought we could have won it, but that's life and now we've got to knuckle down and get back to winning our League games."

"As for Spurs, I was a bit disappointed with them against us. I don't think they played as well as they can do. But on their day, they are a good side."

"It's going to take a lot to stop them reaching the FA Cup Final again, but Leicester won't make it easy for them — they can play a bit too."

Leicester, of course, earned their Semi-Final place with a 5-2 crushing of Shrewsbury at Filbert Street.

It was a game fairly littered with drama — not least because of all the changes in the Leicester goal.

But far from helping Shrewsbury, defender Jack Keay is convinced that the injury to regular Leicester 'keeper Mark Wallington was a major factor behind his side's defeat!

"I'm not making excuses because, at the end of the day, Leicester were full value for their win, but the constant goalkeeping changes in the second half did unsettle us," he says.

"The Leicester players obviously raised their game when Mark went off and we just didn't



Chelsea goalscorer Mike Fillery (right) in action against Spurs' Ossie Ardiles (7) during the FA Cup Quarter-Final clash at Stamford Bridge.

put any pressure on the substitute 'keepers in the second half.

"But while they deserved to win, the scoreline flattered them because two of the goals came while we were effectively down to ten men."

"We lost right back Jake King with an injury early in the second half and he had been struggling for a while, and then I was hobbling around for the last twenty minutes."

"By that time, we had lost our balance and it was almost a case of how many would Leicester score."

"But until they went ahead in the second half, I felt we had a chance."

Shrewsbury went in front at 2-1 and, with Mark Wallington departing, the odds looked stacked against Leicester.

However, an own goal by Colin Griffin just

BLEY WAYSIDE

Goal! Tottenham players celebrate their equaliser scored by Steve Archibald (8), after Chelsea goalkeeper Steve Francis had failed to hold Glenn Hoddle's free kick.



before half-time hauled Leicester back into the game and from that point they never looked back.

"An own goal at any stage is bad enough, but to come right on the stroke of half-time when you are winning is particularly shattering.

"But we still felt confident in the dressing room that we could get a result, although it was not a happy sight to see them bring on a substitute like Jim Melrose.

"And in the end, it was his two goals which killed off our hopes, although I was disappointed with our second half performance."

Q.P.R. are another team not to be written off, according to Crystal Palace goalkeeper Paul Barron. He's backing his London rivals to go all the way to Wembley.

"They've got a good enough side to defeat West Brom in the Semi-Finals," says Paul, who was beaten by an 88th minute goal from his former Palace team-mate Clive Allen.

"Rangers have some outstanding players who can win matches on their own and, with goalscorers like Clive Allen and Simon Stainrod around, they could surprise Albion."

Paul and his Palace colleagues were shattered by Rangers' late winner, but he wasn't surprised or hurt that it was Clive who scored it.

"I wasn't surprised that Clive scored. It was one of his typical goals — a knock down from a corner that he turned in from close range.

"He's a natural goalscorer and he'll score a heck of a lot more goals before he finishes.

"But it was devastating to lose so near to the final whistle.

"I know the game is never over before the final whistle blows, but I felt we had defended well enough to have earned a replay."

Now Palace can concentrate on climbing out of the Second Division's relegation area. But the big fear is that after a cup defeat, there could be repercussions in the League.

And the Highfield Road faithful may be worried about just that, following Coventry's 2-0 defeat at West Brom.

It was after the League Cup Semi-Final defeat at the hands of West Ham last year that Coventry's League form plunged to such an extent that they only just avoided relegation.

At the moment, the 'Sky Blues' are too close

to the bottom for comfort and can't afford another cup exit reaction, but their 11-goal striker Mark Hateley believes Coventry will survive.

"We're too good to be relegated," says Mark. "We lack consistency but you get that with a young side.

"Give us two more years and we will be a really good side.

"This cup setback can only add to our experience. Let's face it, most of the players in the side are still learning.

"We didn't deserve anything at West Brom because, on the day, we never got going in the mud.

"Albion have a strong all-round side and I feel they will make it to Wembley.

"But my money is riding on Tottenham to regain the Cup. They'll have too much for Albion on the day."

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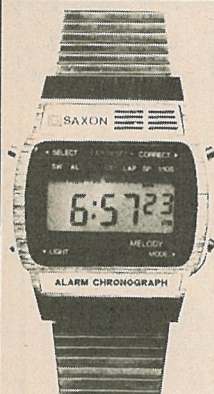
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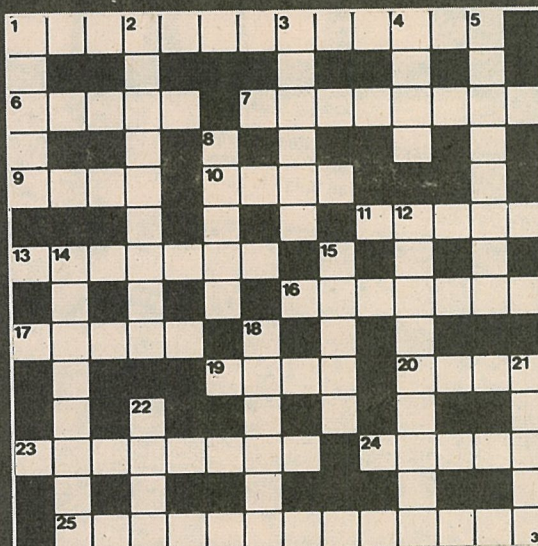
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ACROSS

1. He became player-manager of Tranmere Rovers early last season (5,8)
6. Briton who played a major role in helping Juventus become champions of Italy last season (5)
7. They make the players do some work between matches (8)
9. A player may sign a two ---- contract, for example (4)
10. Peterborough United play at London ---- (4)
11. Cambridge United are sited at ---- Stadium (5)
13. Arsenal coach (3,4)
16. See 5 down
17. One of the Kennedy brothers (5)
19. One of the Linacre brothers (4)
20. "The Minster Men" (4)
23. Keeper Jeff joined Birmingham from Hull in 1979 (8)
24. England defender who served Stoke, Everton and Aston Villa but had to retire because of injury a couple of seasons ago (5)
25. He became England's youngest-ever player when he made his international debut in 1955 at the age of 18 ... and he won 18 caps (6,7)

DOWN

1. Mr Moncour, maybe (5)
2. One of the clubs whose home is called Recreation Ground (9)
3. Scottish international Willie ----- played his 600th League match last season (6)
4. ---- Collins, who was recently appointed Manchester United's chief scout, was manager of Rochdale at some time (4)
- & 16 across. In 1980 1 across won his 50th cap for this country (8,7)
8. He followed John Bond as boss of Norwich City (5)
12. Irish League club (9)
14. 'Hero Dave' (anagram) — for an acrobatic and spectacular form of 21 down (8)
15. Mr O'Farrell, for example (5)
18. ---- Taylor succeeded Cliff Lloyd as secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association (6)
21. Plays the ball (5)
22. One of the Little brothers (4)

TOP TEN QUIZ

- 1 Who played alongside Alan Hansen in the centre of the Scotland defence in Spain?
- 2 Who were the two England substitutes used against Northern Ireland last month?
- 3 Which Fourth Division striker has become a £100,000 signing for the second time?
- 4 Swansea's first First Division 'double' was achieved at the expense of which club?
- 5 Who scored both goals for Wolves in the victory that gave new manager Ian Greaves his first win?
- 6 Sunderland's recent run of five League matches without a goal was ended by which player against Notts County?
- 7 Which Manchester City player made his League debut in the Manchester 'derby' last month?
- 8 Gary Shaw's first home goal of the season was the winner against which Midlands club?
- 9 Which club ended Leeds' unbeaten home record in the First Division?
- 10 Two players scored hat-tricks in the Peterborough v Hartlepool Fourth Division match last month, who were they?



1 I am a Scottish defender who left a London club this season for the Midlands after three FA Cup Final appearances. Who am I?

Riddle time

WHICH player began his career in Southern Ireland with Bohemians, has since played for three other clubs — including Manchester United — and has been a regular member of the Republic of Ireland team?
Can you guess our mystery man? His identity will be revealed on next week's competition page when there will be also a new riddle for you to solve.

Last week: Phil Parkes.

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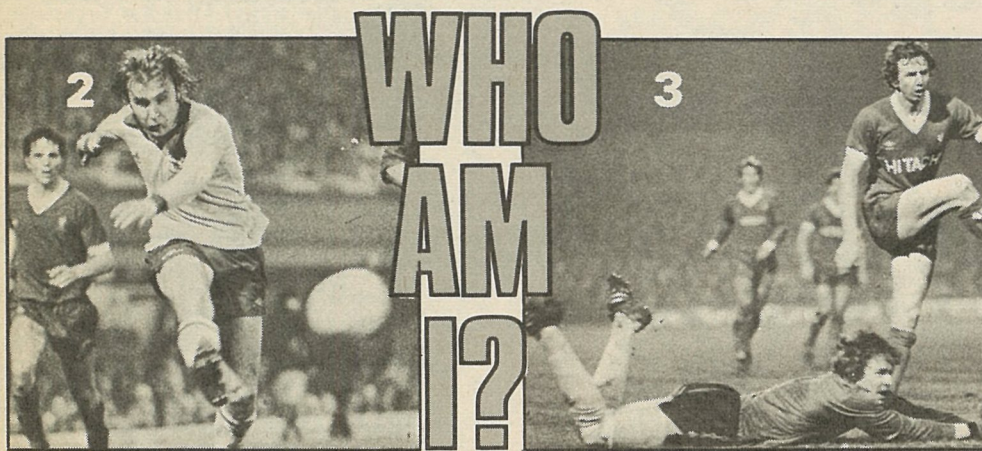
Entries must reach us by Friday, March 26 and the results will appear in our Saturday, April 10 issue.



Name _____

Address _____

Age _____



2 I'm now playing in the Second Division for a London club having moved across the capital last season after some cup success. I was once on loan to a Fourth Division club. Who am I?

3 I am a First Division goalkeeper and started my League career at Blackburn. I have a League Cup winners' medal. Who am I?

MATCH 'EM UP

MATCH up the managers on the left with the grounds on the right.

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jimmy Frizzell | (a) Gresty Road |
| 2 Arfon Griffiths | (b) Manor Ground |
| 3 Jim Smith | (c) Victoria Ground |
| 4 John Docherty | (d) Boundary Park |
| 5 Billy Horner | (e) Abbey Stadium |

PLAYER JUMBLE

THIS British player could be in action against the Brazilians in Spain this summer. Can you identify him from this jumble of letters?

TKAPROSRLCU

SOLUTIONS

WHO AM I: 1 - Nottingham Forest defender Willie Young; 2 - Crystal Palace midfielder David Price; 3 - Wolves goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw
MATCH 'EM UP: 1/d; 2/a; 3/b; 4/e; 5/c
TOP TEN QUIZ: 1 Alex McLeish; 2 Cyrille Regis and Tony Woodcock; 3 Colin Morris; 4 Arsenal; 5 Wayne Clarke; 6 Alan Brown; 7 Gary Jackson; 8 Coventry; 9 Ipswich; 10 Robbie Cooke (Peterborough) and Keith Houchen (Hartlepool)
SOCCERWORD: Across: 1 Bryan Hamilton; 6 Brady; 7 trainers; 9 Year; 10 Road; 11 Abbey; 13 Don Howe; 16 See 5 down; 17 Keith; 19 John; 20 York; 23 Wealds; 24 Pelic; 25 Duncun Edwards
Down: 1 Bobby; 2 Aldershot; 3 Morgan; 4 Tony; 5 & 16 across Northern Ireland; 8 Brown; 12 Ballymena; 14 overhead; 15 Frank; 18 Gordon; 21 Kicks; 22 Alan

LEAGUE CUP FINAL '82

Still so much to play for Says Glenn Hoddle

WE WERE so disappointed as we trudged off the Wembley pitch amidst all the Liverpool celebrations.

You can't feel any other way when you've just lost a Cup Final. And what makes it worse is that we are the first Spurs side to lose a Wembley Final.

But as our fans reminded everyone at the final whistle — we could be back there again in May for the FA Cup Final!

We still have so much to play for this season.

And while Liverpool have shattered any dreams of a 'grand slam' — League Cup, FA Cup, Cup Winners Cup and League Championship — I have to say that I don't think any team will ever achieve such a feat.

No team has ever managed a 'treble' in one season — let alone picked up a fourth trophy!

Looking back at the game Liverpool had more possession than we did, but Steve Archibald had got us off to a great start with a goal after 11 minutes.

And we had defended so well

we looked to have the trophy in the bag with just three minutes of normal time left.

Then Ronnie Whelan popped up with the first of his two goals to take the game into extra time.

It really knocked the stuffing out of us when Liverpool came back as they did. It was a disastrous time to concede a goal.

On reflection, it might have been better had we not taken such an early lead because I think we tended to sit back a bit.

But having said that, we had a chance to sew the game up before Liverpool equalised.

I managed to get in a shot late in the second half which goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar could only parry and if Steve Archibald had managed to stick away the rebound the trophy would have been at White Hart Lane now instead of Anfield.

We were a tired team in extra time and a lot of our players were suffering from cramp.

I think we would have settled for a replay at that stage, but

Liverpool had other ideas and scored twice to retain the trophy ... and collect the Milk Cup for the first time.

As I've said I thought we defended well and I made central defender Paul Price our man of the match on the day.

But we didn't play as we know we can because to their credit, Liverpool managed to close us down so well. My fellow 'Match' columnist Graeme Souness played a captain's role. I made him Liverpool's best player.

Now we've just got to pick ourselves up off the floor and forget about the League Cup for another season.

Had we beaten Liverpool on Saturday we would have broken a club record by going 17 games undefeated.

Now we'll just have to set about winning the next 17!

Glenn Hoddle



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(Whelan 87, 111, (Archibald 11)
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(sub. Johnson 7)		Hoddle	7
Souness	7	Crooks	6

LEFT: Tottenham skipper Steve Perryman checks the progress of Liverpool full-back Alan Kennedy with striker Steve Archibald in support.

RIGHT: The Cup is on its way back to Liverpool as Ronnie Whelan blasts the second goal past Tottenham goalkeeper Ray Clemence and full-back Chris Hughton.

RIGHT INSET: Chris Hughton and Ray Clemence are in despair as the ball nestles in the back of the net and Liverpool are in front for the first time.

The highlight of my career

Says Graeme Souness

HOLDING the League Cup aloft at Wembley on Saturday was the highlight of my career. The moment I turned round to show the trophy to our fans will live with me for a long, long time to come.

I'm simply delighted and I thought we deserved our victory.

It was very encouraging that we played so well, even though we were 1-0 down for 76 minutes of the game.

We managed to keep our rhythm instead of trying to force the game which could have left us open at the back and finally, I thought, got our just rewards.

We were caught napping a bit when Steve Archibald nipped in to give Spurs an eleventh minute lead. If we were guilty of one thing — without taking anything away from what I thought was a fantastic team effort — it was that we weren't as quick as we should have been with ball.

But overall I thought the lads were terrific.

We weren't over worried when we went 1-0 down. It was just a case of keeping our passing game

together and throwing a few long balls in.

Even though we were behind, I felt we still had most of the possession and were in control of the game.

Our equaliser couldn't have come at a better time for us — or a worse time for Spurs.

They must have been getting the signals from their bench and while you never give up hope until the final whistle goes, it did flash through my mind that we might miss out.

Then Ronnie Whelan popped up with the first of his two goals.

I've read that he was nervous before the game, but you wouldn't have known it. He's a bit like Alan Hansen in that he doesn't show any real emotion before a game. He had an exceptional match.

The Spurs heads visibly dropped when we scored. They must have been sick.

And while it may have looked as though we were the fitter team in

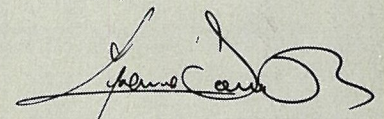
extra time I think it was more of a mental thing.

But we certainly battled all the way. We didn't play any differently to our normal game on Saturday, and I like to think that it was our work rate that stopped Spurs playing to a certain extent.

If you give players like Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles room they will destroy you.

Ardiles ran himself into the ground in the first half and I thought my old team mate Ray Clemence had a good game for them — as we knew he would.

I'm sure that Spurs will go on to win something this season and I wouldn't be in the least surprised if they go on to retain the FA Cup.



LIVERPOOL'S two-goal hero Ronnie Whelan, savouring his dream debut at Wembley, said: "It's a great start to score two goals at Wembley on your debut. It's something you always dream about."

"I didn't realise my equaliser came so late. I don't remember much about it except that I connected with a cross from the right and luckily for me it went into the corner."

"The second goal gave me most pleasure because I felt I had perhaps scored the winner. Kenny Dalglish held the ball up so long for me to arrive in the box that it was almost like a five-a-side goal."

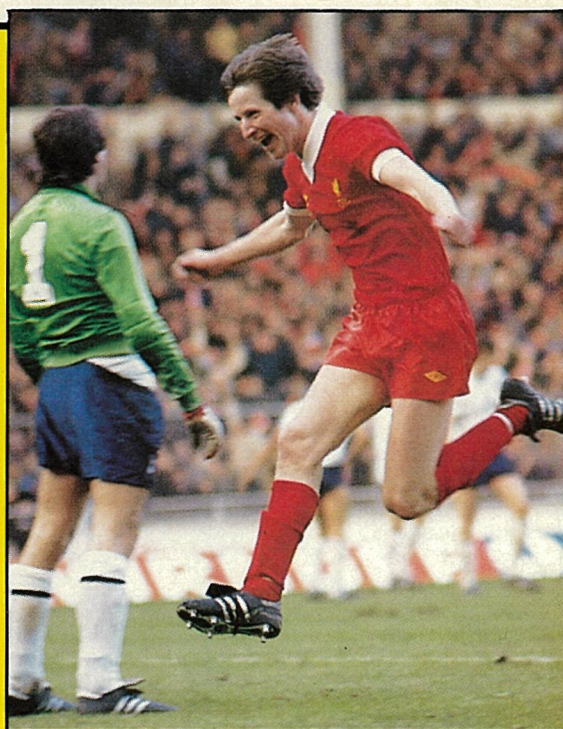
"I didn't sleep at all on Friday night and I was very nervous as we approached the stadium in the coach, but I lost my nerves once I heard the crowd."

"It's very disappointing when you walk off the pitch just having lost a Cup Final, but that's all water under the bridge now. It's up to the experienced players in the side to lift everyone for the next match."

"Everyone kept saying that it was impossible to win four trophies in one season and we've just proved them right!" — Spurs goalkeeper Ray Clemence.

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WHELAN'S

Above: Life's wonderful for Ronnie Whelan as he levels the scores two minutes from normal time.
Right: The faces that say ... 'We're Wembley winners.'

Double tragedy for Spurs. Above: The ball's in the net for Liverpool's third goal scored by Ian Rush and (below) Clemence dives but the Cup is snatched from Spurs' grasp by Whelan's equaliser.

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Far right: We're in the lead! Garth Crooks hails Steve Archibald's eleventh minute opener. Below: Phil Thompson blocks a Chris Hughton cross.

SHOW!



Airborne Coventry goalkeeper Jim Blyth is left clutching thin air as the ball fairly sizzles into the net from the boot of blond Aston Villa striker Gary Shaw. Jim Hagan is the Coventry defender watching in anguish after making his challenge. This was the winner in Villa's 2-1 League victory over their Midlands rivals and Shaw's first goal at Villa Park since April 1981.




HOT SHOTS!

Left: All smiles from West Brom striker Cyrille Regis as he is hugged by team mate Martyn Bennett after scoring the only goal of the game in Albion's Fifth Round FA Cup-tie against Second Division Norwich at The Hawthorns.

'Match' columnist Glenn Hoddle sends Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Corrigan the wrong way from the penalty spot for the first of his two goals which earned Spurs another three points at White Hart Lane.





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Will I get my England place back before the World Cup Finals?

Those three crucial questions are constantly spinning through my mind as I start on the road back to fitness after my achilles tendon operation.

I keep easing the worries by remaining optimistic on all three fronts.

But I realise that nothing can be certain until I'm back in action. I believe that I am slightly ahead

of schedule and the medical staff at Cambridge have been pleased with my early progress.

But the acid test will come when I start training.

At the moment my initial First Division comeback target is still April 10 and the home clash with Tottenham — a team who could prove a big threat to our title hopes.

Ipswich are handily placed for a championship charge with only League matches to concentrate on.

Apart from Tottenham, Liverpool are looking menacing and Manchester United are quietly collecting points here and there to stay in touch.

But I hope to be available for the last two months of the season to help Ipswich's final drive.

Serious injuries like mine do underline that you can't take anything for granted in football.

Last season was my best-ever in League football, while this term has been a nightmare.

Having not been able to play football properly for a long time, I'm now looking forward to playing and training without any pain.

I haven't seen any live football since the operation as I've spent most of the time at Cambridge.

But my interest in Rugby Union has increased with my introduction to Cambridge University players John Kingston and Marcus Rose.

My physio put me in contact with them and they invited me down to the university to watch a few rugby matches.

I have had visits and telephone calls from most of the lads at Ipswich, and my wife has done nothing but answer telephone calls from well-wishers.

My postbag has also been pretty full with absolutely hundreds of cards and letters from fans which is all very touching.

I've spent some time with friends near Cambridge and their two children have kept my mind occupied and I've also had continuous treatment and body exercises at the hospital.

The staff have been fantastic because they appreciate what an important year it is for me.

I just pray now for no setbacks so I can reach my target date without any problems.

● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.

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And while the Ipswich dangerman failed to make it a goalscoring debut, he did enough to keep his place in the side as Ron Greenwood's men prepared for their second qualifying test in Rumania.

But there began a chain of events which may have cost 26-year-old Eric his ticket to Spain for the World Cup Finals.

He takes up the story: "I thought I played quite well against Norway even though I had a deeper role than normal and I was disappointed that we didn't get the praise I thought we deserved.

"Then came the Rumanian game and, following the flight out, I was laid up in bed for a day with a stomach bug.

"Naturally, I desperately wanted to play and when I did get back on my feet I felt I would be OK for the match.

"It was a mistake. At half-time I had to come off. I could hardly breathe.

"I was selected for the following match against Switzerland, but then came the second blow to my international career.

"I pulled a muscle playing for Ipswich the Saturday before and had to pull out of the squad.

"My next call-up for England duty was for a 'B' team game in Spain, but my wife was due to have our baby at the time and I didn't want to leave her so I pulled out of that game too.

"I don't know how much all of that affected my England chances, but I think it's fair to say it certainly didn't help."

Seventeen months have passed since that ill-fated game in

Rumania, which England eventually lost 2-1, but Eric still hasn't give up hope of making the squad for this summer's World Cup Finals.

"I'm still hoping," he says.

"I think my chances are probably 50-50, but there are a lot of players in the same position.

"Kevin Keegan didn't play in either of my two England appearances and I was asked to play a similar role to him.

"Looking at the way he's playing at the moment, my chances might look slim.

"But if he was to get injured — and no way do I wish that upon him — the England manager might turn to me again.

"An awful lot depends on how Ipswich perform apart from how well I'm playing for the club.

"If we were involved in everything as a club and I managed to stick away about 20 goals, people might be saying 'I think the lad deserves another chance.'

"The only way to get noticed is to perform well at club level, but it can only help if the team is successful.

"To that end, it hasn't helped that Ipswich have slipped a little over the past few weeks in the title race.

"We've played really well in some games and really poorly in others, but we've missed Frans Thijssen, Terry Butcher and Paul Mariner, without a doubt.

"But if we can keep in touch at the top over the next month and our missing three get back to full fitness, we must have a great

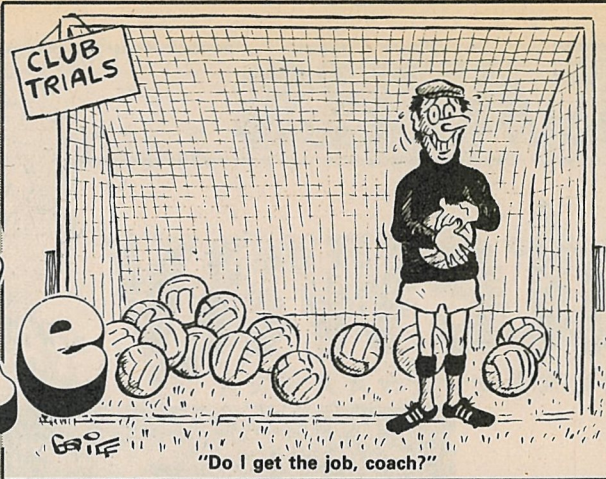
"I haven't given up hope of going to Spain — I can't do that. But it won't be the end of the world if, when the time comes, I'm not out there.

"I'll be watching on the TV and cheering England on as loudly as anyone . . . and there's always the next World Cup!"



Eric Gates still hasn't given up hope of going to Spain with England even though it's 17 months since his last international appearance.

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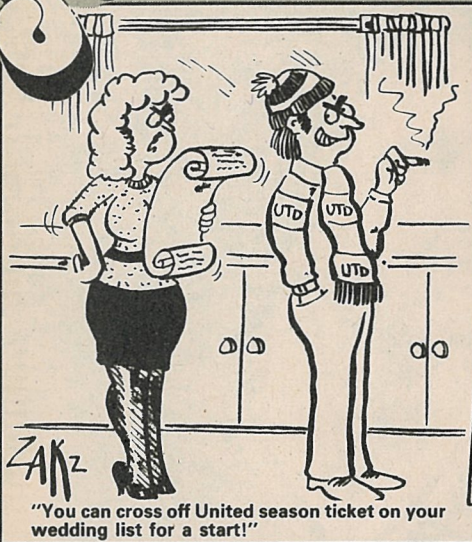


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The Fourth Division player explained: "The lifestyle of the other players is so different to mine. They arrive in their brand new cars and I realise it's a far cry from what I'm used to."

Iain once again mingled with the Adrian Heaths and Paul Goddards of the football world when he reported for duty for England's Under-21 international against Poland in Warsaw on Wednesday.

But the 22-year-old realises that he has no need to feel inferior. He says: "All the other lads are tremendous. They don't make me feel any different to them."

"I thought I would be overawed rubbing shoulders with players of their calibre, but I've enjoyed the experience and it's made me hungry for top class football."

"On the field, I have no trouble adapting to the better standard of football. In many ways, I find it easier playing against better players."

"It's easier to read their game than that of a Fourth Division player. At least you know where they are going to their put their header or shot. With a lesser player, you've got to guess because it could come off his ear and trickle into the net!"

Faith

England Under-21 manager Dave Sexton has kept faith with the young 'keeper even though Blackpool's fortunes have nosedived over the last three seasons.

"Blackpool were in the Second Division when I was first selected for the squad, but fortunately, even though they've struggled, I haven't been forgotten."

Iain has been a member of the England squad for their last four matches, but up until the Poland game, he only had 45 minutes of international football under his belt.

International duty gives Blackpool goalkeeper Iain a lift

"I've always been understudy to either Norwich City's Chris Woods or John Lukic of Leeds," said Iain who replaced John for the second half of England's match against Eire at Anfield last season.

But against Poland Iain had high hopes of making the starting line-up because the other 'keeper in the squad was QPR youngster Peter Hucker.

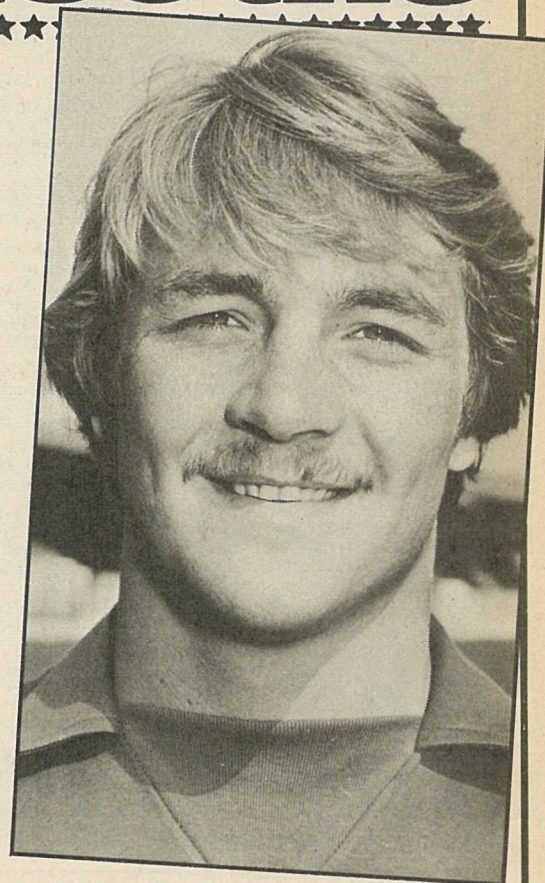
"It was the first time Peter had been called up. I've got more international experience and I was hoping it counted in my favour."

Iain believes that he's now playing better than at any time in his career — thanks to former Manchester United and Northern Ireland goalkeeper Harry Gregg.

"He's been coming up to Bloomfield Road once a week for the last couple of months and he's taught me a lot."

"I'd never had any goalkeeping coaching before, so Harry's help has proved invaluable," added Iain.

"I feel I'm more consistent now. Over the years, I'd have a couple of good games and then a few poor performances. Now I'm playing well for longer periods."



Iain Hesford — the goalkeeper who mixes life in the Fourth Division with international duty.

Iain is ambitious to play higher grade football and his name has been linked with a few top clubs over the past year.

"I've heard all sorts of rumours, but I don't let them bother me. I won't believe I'm moving until I actually sign on the dotted line," added Iain, who's got another season of his Blackpool contract to run.

Background

Iain comes from a sporting background. His father, Bob, played for Huddersfield in the 1938 FA Cup Final, while his brothers Bob and Steve play rugby.

Bob plays Rugby Union for England and Bristol while Steve is a Rugby League star with Warrington.

Spot-kick supremo

TONY Kenworthy kept Sheffield United on course for promotion from the Fourth Division with his 15th successful penalty on the trot in the 2-1 defeat of Port Vale.

But Keith Williams, striker with one of United's promotion rivals Bournemouth, had the embarrassment of missing one on his return to former club Northampton.

The boob by Northampton's 'Player of the Year' last season enabled the bottom club to grab only their fourth win of the campaign.

Focus on Divisions Three and Four with Melvyn Beck

Shrimpers net marksman Phillips

SOUTHEND have strengthened their push for promotion to the Second Division by signing striker Steve Phillips from Northampton for £15,000.

Steve rejoined Northampton for a club record fee of £40,000 after making 157 League appearances for Brentford. He's scored more than 100 goals in the last five seasons.

RED FACES!

PLYMOUTH must have had red faces after their 3-2 Third Division defeat at Gillingham.

For the winner came from David Kemp, who is on loan to Gillingham from the Devon club!

BURNLEY RUN ENDS

BURNLEY'S long unbeaten run in the Third Division came to grief at Exeter. Burnley went twenty League games without defeat until their 2-1 setback in the West Country.

HULL FANS RALLY ROUND

THE revelation of Hull City's financial problems brought an immediate response from the public.

The Fourth Division club had an attendance increase of 45 per cent for the home clash with Mansfield.

Nearly 5,000 turned up to see Hull win 2-0.

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Sack Atkinson!

I AM outraged that Manchester United sacked manager Dave Sexton and replaced him with Ron Atkinson.

Sexton has taken Coventry a lot further than Atkinson took United in the FA Cup. United went out in the Third Round at Second Division Watford. Sack Atkinson and bring back Sexton.
Scott Edwards, Ebbw Vale, Gwent.

● **SEXTON** was sacked for not providing the kind of soccer United fans demand. And judging from Coventry's lowly League position, it's not the kind of football they want either... you're sent off!

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Kennedy blast

I'M outraged that Ray Kennedy said in 'Match' that he will be a winner in Wales following his move from Liverpool to Swansea.

Kennedy was not so hot for Liverpool. I'm glad he's not playing for the 'Reds' any more. Ronnie Whelan is much more effective in the Liverpool No 5 shirt.

John Barnes (11), Horley, Surrey.

● **JOHN Toshack** may have made the signing of the season when he bought Kennedy. With Kennedy in the team, Swansea won five out of their next six matches. Ray is a winner... and you're booked.

Arsenal aren't boring

I AM outraged about Liverpool manager Bob Paisley's criticism of Arsenal.

His remarks have caused fans to chant 'Boring Arsenal', noticeably at the recent League meeting with Manchester United at Old Trafford. Arsenal were not boring and did their best to go forward.

Julie Hewings, Newton Abbot, South Devon.

● **WHEN Arsenal** have eleven men back in their own penalty area at the slightest hint of danger, they can only go forward. The 'Gunners' are boring... and you're booked.

New boys shine for England

NOW that England manager Ron Greenwood has finally decided to get rid of his veterans, we are now on the right road to Spain.

England played really well to beat Northern Ireland 4-0 at Wembley, and the new boys let no-one down.

Steve Foster was great in defence, Cyrille Regis looked particularly menacing in the short time he was on and Tony Morley performed well.

Richard Smith, Hadleigh, Essex.

Let 'em in!

IT'S about time the non-League were given a chance to break into the Football League.

Every year, several fine non-League sides are refused the chance to join the League. Wimbledon and Wigan are two of the lucky sides to gain admittance, and they haven't done too badly.

Non-League Barnet played some great football against Brighton in The FA Cup. Teams like Barnet, Altrincham and Enfield should be given their chance in Division Four... at the expense of Northampton, Crewe and Rochdale.

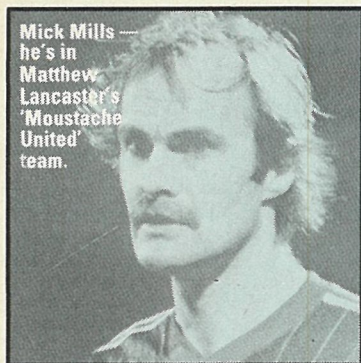
Philip Morris (14), Halton Village, Bucks.

Golden Goof

DID Arian Heath really cost £700,000 when he moved from Stoke to Everton? The newspaper reads suggests that Everton bought the under-21 international at a reduced rate...

ampton will go ahead on Tuesday. Heath, a £700 capture from Stoke, is desperate to get into the Goodison action.

Mick Mills — he's in Matthew Lancaster's 'Moustache United' team.



Moustache United

HERE'S my 'Moustache United' team. All the players sport a 'tache':

Phil Parkes (West Ham), Brendon Batson (West Brom), Mick Mills (Ipswich), Frans Thijssen (Ipswich), Paul Dyson (Coventry), Kenny Burns (Leeds), Tony van Mierlo (Birmingham), Tony Evans (Birmingham), Ian Rush (Liverpool), Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Graeme Souness (Liverpool), Subs: John Wark (Ipswich), Frank Worthington (Leeds).

Matthew Lancaster, Solihull, West Midlands.

WATFORD CRITICS MAKE ME ANGRY!

I GET really angry when I hear rival managers saying that Watford are merely a team that play "up-and-unders".

Rotherham boss Emlyn Hughes and John Neal of Chelsea have both been critical of Watford's style of play.

It takes more than kick-and-rush football to beat the likes of Southampton and Manchester United as Watford did this season.

I think that Hughes and Neal are just jealous that Watford will be in the First Division next season . . . and they won't!

Iain Williamson, Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire.

A TRIBUTE TO TREVOR

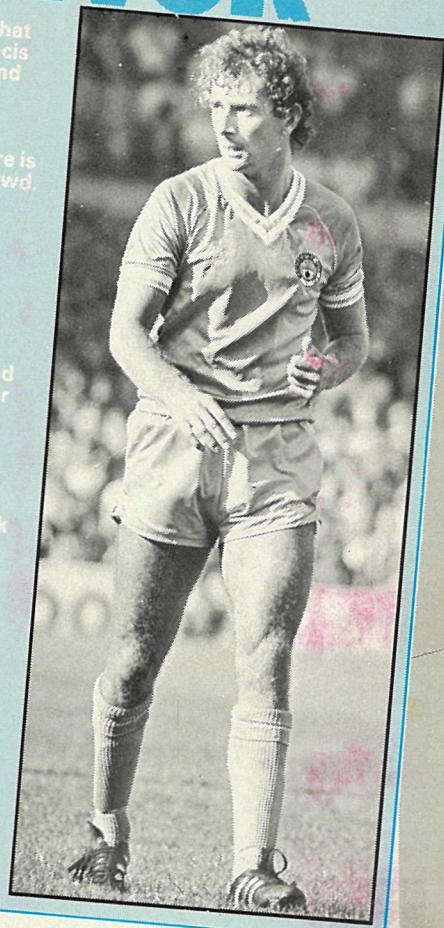
I HAVE to disagree with Paul Mitchell of Surrey, who says that Manchester City's Trevor Francis (right) is just a goal-poacher and Arsenal's Alan Sunderland is a striker of much higher class.

Trevor is a brilliant player. Whenever he gets the ball, there is a buzz of expectation in the crowd. He has great close control, superb vision and tremendous speed. And as for being a goal-poacher, didn't he set up England's first two goals in the recent 4-0 win over Northern Ireland?

Trevor has overcome some crippling injuries in his career, and has always bounced back a better player. If Alan Sunderland is a better player than Trevor, surely Arsenal should have scored more goals this season.

There's no doubt that Trevor is the man to lead the England attack in Spain.

Michael Ricketts, Withington, Manchester.



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WONDERFUL WEMBLEY

I'M glad that Wembley Stadium is to have a facelift and will continue to stage England's international matches.

I went to Wembley for the first time to see England play Northern Ireland and I can see how much Wembley means to the players and fans.

It would be foolish to move England's matches to League grounds.

Katie Edmunds (15), Amersham, Bucks.

Save Our Soccer

RODNEY Marsh, the former Manchester City and England striker, made a prediction two years ago before leaving to play soccer in the States.

He said that in a few years' time, soccer in England would be dead.

Nobody believed him. Now look at the situation. Many clubs face financial crisis.

Football fans must, at last, realise the grave danger the game faces.

If we don't, Rodney's grim forecast may well come true . . .

Dennis Dunne, Ellesmere Port, South Wirral.

RUEFUL RUFER

IT was most unfair of the Home Office to refuse New Zealander Wynton Rufer a work permit so that he could play for Norwich City.

How can the Home Office refuse to let this talented player — from a Commonwealth country — play over here, but open the door to players from Iron Curtain countries? It's not fair.

Jamie Webster (14), Norwich, Norfolk.

A full set of clubs!

DO any 'Match' readers know of a current Football League player who has played for more English League clubs than Bob Hatton?

Bob has played for Wolves, Carlisle, Bolton, Blackpool, Birmingham, Luton and his present team, Sheffield United.

That makes seven clubs. Can any players top that?

Colin Grainger, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

Home grown heroes

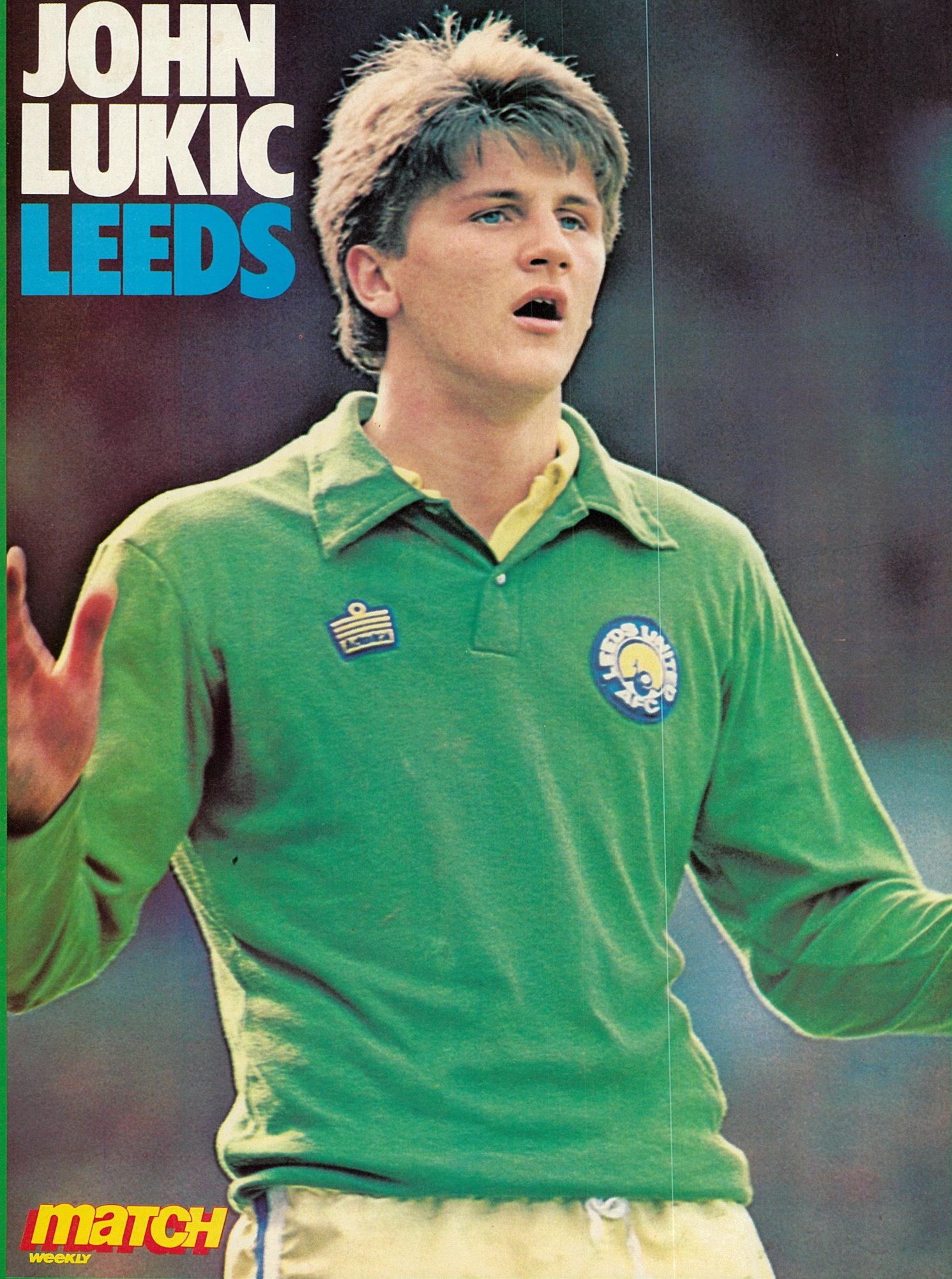
WITH several clubs facing possible extinction, football must plan the way forward.

This should include more emphasis on clubs producing their own talent, more part-time players and no more newly-constructed massive stands, which offer facilities the average fan cannot afford.

Football has always been at its healthiest when terrace fans have cheered on a largely home-grown team.

Diane Mason, Essington, Wolverhampton.

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GOLDEN GOAL

Bryan Robson (England)
v Northern Ireland,
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ROBSON IN A RUSH



Bryan Robson — took just 49 seconds to score England's opener.

ENGLAND couldn't have asked for a more perfect start to their World Cup preparations than the one provided by the country's most expensive footballer, Bryan Robson.

He struck after just 49 seconds to send the Irish reeling and, from that foundation, England built up a confidence-boosting 4-0 victory over one of their rivals in Spain.

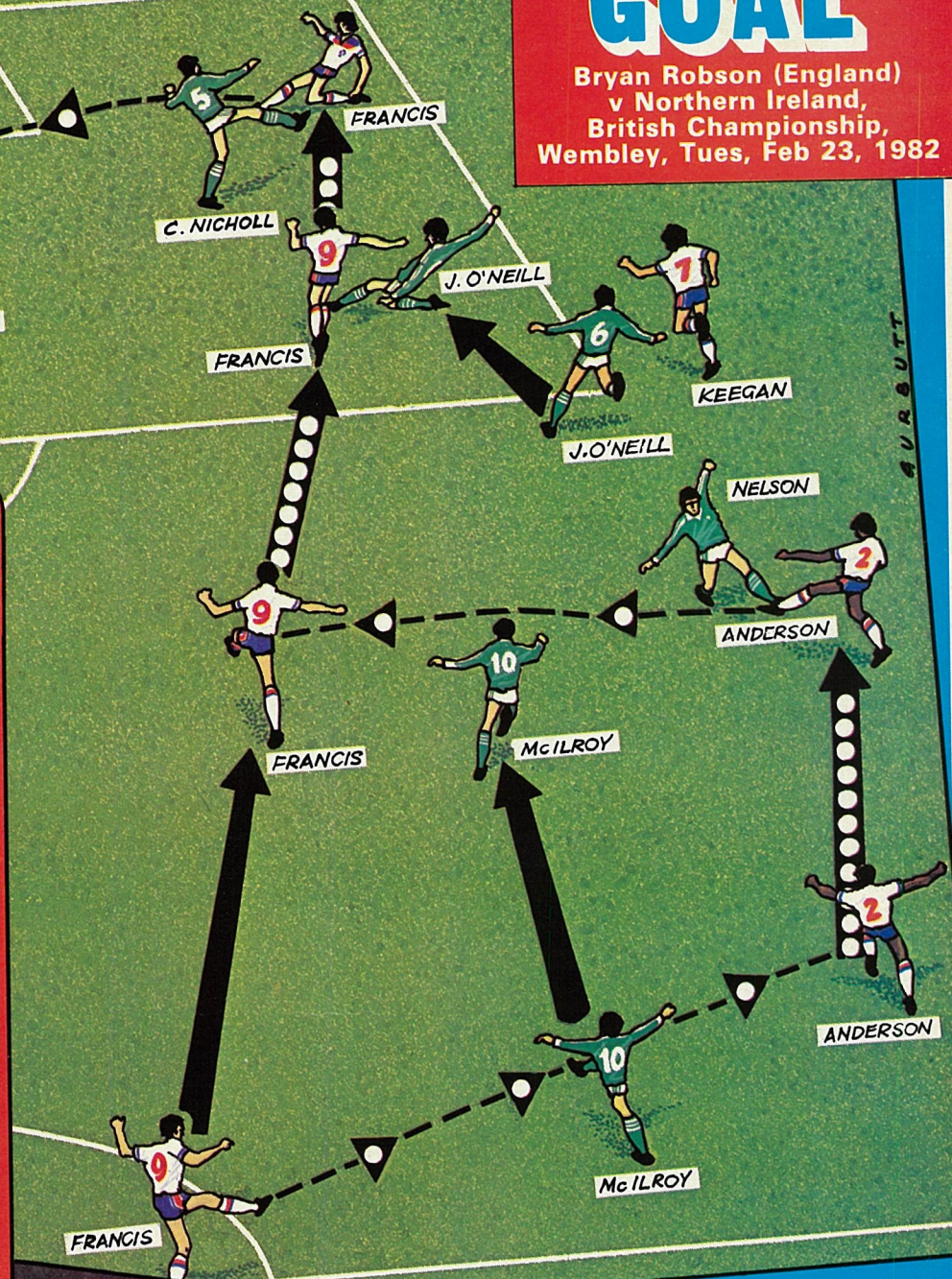
The move was orchestrated by razor-sharp Trevor Francis. The Manchester City striker linked up with his United rival to drill holes through the Irish rearguard.

Francis was at the hub of the move in midfield, feeding his former Nottingham Forest team mate Viv Anderson on the right.

He made ground before sending Francis tearing into the heart of the Irish defence.

Francis overcame a challenge from Leicester's John O'Neill before crossing beyond the reach of goalkeeper Pat Jennings.

Robson timed his run to perfection and was on hand on the edge of the six-yard area to apply the finishing touch with a left-foot nudge into the roof of the net.



Below: Grounded Pat Jennings and defender Jimmy Nicholl watch Bryan Robson score.



BRAZIL are full of confidence about their prospects of winning the World Cup for a fourth time.

Manager Tele Santana feels his team are capable of beating any other team around at the moment and he is sure that his players will prove him right in Spain.

He says: "In order to win the World Cup, you have to feel you are able to win any game against any team and I feel we can do that."

He is equally sure that the winners of his team's first game with Russia will be sure of a passage into the second round.

Plan

"Hopefully, by the time we meet New Zealand in our last game, we will have qualified for the next round," he adds.

"Then I shall be able to plan. I think the winners of our game against Russia will surely qualify."

But midfield player Toninho Cerezo is likely to miss the opening clash with the Russians.

He was sent off and later

BRAZIL BOAST: 'We fear no-one'

banned during the qualifying competition and that means that Santana will probably rely on just three qualified world stars in midfield instead of four.

His line-up will include Falcao (now the top man in Roma's Italian title chasing team), Zico and Socrates.

But Cerézo, whose tackling ability gives the midfield vital defensive bite, is likely to

regain his place for the second match against Scotland.

Incidentally, Brazilian legend Pele reckons that Falcao is currently the top player in the world.

He puts him ahead of Brazil team-mate Zico, Argentina's Diego Maradona and West Germany's Bernd Schuster.



Shengalia's the tops!

RUSSIA'S 'Footballer of the Year' is Dynamo Tbilisi's Remaz Shengalia.

He finished ahead of Dynamo Kiev pair Oleg Blokhin (above) and Leonid Burjak.

All three players will be in action for Russia in the World Cup Finals.

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ULI Stielike, Real Madrid's West German international, has written off Spain's chances of winning the World Cup.

The rugged defender has been reported as saying that Spain have little chance of succeeding.

"In order to become champions, Spain will have to change their football style and mental approach to the game, he says.

"For me, the favourites are West Germany, Argentina and Brazil, with Russia as outsiders.

"I think the World Cup will be more defensive than attacking with most sides playing a 4-4-2 system and relying on counter attacks."

Right: Uli Stielike — believes Spain would have to change their style to become World champions.

BOXING CLEVER!

SUGAR Ray Leonard, the double world boxing champion, is being lined up to defend one of his titles in Spain on a blank day during the World Cup Finals.

A tennis clash between Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe is also being talked of as a possible attraction for the Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid.

STIELIKE WRITES OFF SPAIN



Tim tips Germany

WEST Germany are being tipped as World Cup winners by Peru boss Tim.

He says: "They have the most physically well-prepared and technically gifted players of all."

And as if to underline those complimentary words from a rival manager, the Germans slammed Portugal 3-0 in a friendly international.

Two goals by Klaus Fischer paved the way for the German victory over the Portuguese who failed to break the British stranglehold of Scotland and Northern Ireland in the qualifying series.

The other goal came from Humertoog.

REAL SET TO SIGN KEMPES

MARIO Kempes, top scorer and match winner in Argentina's World Cup victory four years ago, is set to join Real Madrid this summer.

Kempes returned to his native country last year to play for River Plate who still owe Spanish club Valencia a large slice of the transfer fee.

If he returns to Spain and to Madrid, he will be the fourth Real player to have been signed from Valencia.

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★★★★★ A classic
★★★★★ Good value
★★★★★ Satisfactory
★★★ Dull
★ A waste of money

Sunday, Mar. 7 Division Three

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Lowndes 79)
FULHAM (0) 3 (Brown 66, Wilson 84, Coney 87)
Att: 5,178
Newport: Kendall 6, Lees 6, Relish 6, Davies 6, Oakes 5, Johnson 6, Vaughan 7, Elsey 7, Aldridge 6. ★**BISHOP 8**, Lowndes 7.
Fulham: Peyton 7, Lock 6, Strong 6.
★**O'DRISCOLL 8**, Brown 7, Gale 6, Davies 6, Wilson 7, Coney 7, O'Sullivan 6, Reeves 6.
Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

BRADFORD (1) 2 (McNiven 2, Campbell 47)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Perrin 46)
Att: 4,836
Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 7, Watson 6, Ingham 6. ★**COOKE 8**, McFarland 7, Lester 7, Staniforth 7, Campbell 7, McNiven 7, Ellis 6 (sub. Gallagher).
Northampton: Poole 7. ★**BRADY 8**, Saunders 6, Gage 6, Kruse 6, Coffill 6, Saxby 6, Carlton 6 (sub. Sandy 6), Perrin 7, Massey 7, Heeley 7.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★★

Monday, Mar. 8 Division Three

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Phillips 16)
BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Kemp 39)
Att: 3,765
Southend: Keeley 7, Hadley 7, Stead 6, Pennyfather 6, Moody 6, Cusack 7, Pountney 7. ★**PHILLIPS 8**, Spence 5 (sub. Nelson 6), Mercer 6, Otulakowski 5.
Brentford: ★**McKELLAR 8**, Rowe 7 (sub. Booker), Tucker 6, Salman 7, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 7, Kamara 7, Kemp 7, Sweetzer 7, Bowles 7, Hill 7.
Referee: T. G. Bune (Cranleigh)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Wood 19)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Kenworthy 55)
Att: 8,951
Mansfield: Arnold 7, McJannet 5, Foster 5, Bell 6, Burrows 6, Wood 7. ★**MANN 8**, Cannell 6, Lumby 5 (sub. Thomson), Nicholson 6, Parkinson 6.
Sheff Utd: Conroy 6, Casey 5 (sub. King 5), Garner 6, Matthews 6, Houston 7, Kenworthy 6. ★**MORRIS 8**, Trussion 5, Edwards 6, Hutton 6, McPhail 6.
Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★★

Tuesday, Mar. 9 Division One

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Gatting 82)
TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Ardiles 36, Crooks 50, Archibald 79)
Att: 27,090
Brighton: Digweed 6. ★**STEVENS 8**, Nelson 7, Grealish 5, Foster 6, Gatting 6, Case 7, Ritchie 6, Robinson 6, Stille 6 (sub. McNab 5), Ryan 6.
Spurs: Clemence 6, Hughton 7, Miller 6, Price 7, Hazard 7, Perryman 6. ★**ARDILES 9**, Archibald 8, Galdwin 8, Roberts 6, Crooks 7.
Referee: E. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

COVENTRY (0) 0
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Roeber 12)
Att: 9,720
Coventry: Sealey 6. ★**THOMAS 9**, Roberts 5, Jacobs 6, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Hendrie 5, Francis 5, Hateley 5, English 5, Hunt 5 (sub. Whittion 7).
Nott'm Forest: ★**SHILTON 8**, Anderson 7, Bowyer 6, McGovern 6, Young 7, Gunn 7, Roeber 6, Wallace 5, Ward 6, Proctor 6, Gray 6.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Hodgson 36)
WEST BROM (0) 0
Att: 9,403
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Nattrass 7, Bailey 8. ★**ROSS 9**, Baxter 7, McAndrew 8, Cochrane 8 (sub. Wood 6), Otto 8, Hodgson 8, Ashcroft 8, Thomson 7.
West Brom: Grew 8, Batson 7. ★**STATHAM 9**, Bennett 8, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Brown 7, King 8, Regis 7, Owen 7 (sub. Zondervan 6), Mackenzie 6.
Referee: M. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Mackenzie (West Brom)

STOKE (0) 1 (McIlroy 59)
LIVERPOOL (2) 5 (McDermott 15, Dalglish 30, Souness 48, Lee 81, Whelan 87)
Att: 16,578
Stoke: Fox 6, Evans 6, Hampton 6, Dodd 5, Watson 6, McLaughtrie 6. ★**McILROY 7**, O'Callaghan 6, Chapman 6, Bracewell 6, McGuire 6 (sub. Griffiths).
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6, Lawrenson 6, Kennedy 7, Whelan 7, Hansen 7, Dalglish 8, Lee 7, Rush 7, McDermott 8. ★**SOUNESS 9**.
Referee: G. Napthine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Two

CHELSEA (1) 4 (Hales 3, Locke 53, Mayes 82, 88)
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Lynex, pen 60)
Att: 10,586
Chelsea: Francis 7, Locke 7, Hutchings 7, Nutton 6, Chivers 7, Pates 7, Rhoades-Brown 7, Hales 7, Mayes 7, Walker 7. ★**FILLERY 8**.
Leicester: Walker 6, Williams 5, Friar 5, Peake 5, May 6, O'Neill 6, Lynex 5, Lineker 4, Young 5, Wilson 5 (sub. Melrose 6). ★**KELLY 7**.
Referee: L. C. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Langley 57)
CARDIFF (0) 0
Att: 6,526
Crystal Palace: Fry 6, Lovell 6, Boulter 6, Murphy 7, Wicks 7, Gilbert 7. ★**GILES 8**, Smillie 6 (sub. Langley 7), Cannon 6, Mabbutt 7, Hilaire 6.
Cardiff: Healey 6, Jones 6, Gilbert 6, Grapes 6, Pontin 7. ★**HUGHES 8**, Bennett 7, Maddy 7, Stevens 6 (sub. Francombe 6), Kitchen 6, Giles 6.
Referee: H. Taylor (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WATFORD (2) 4 (Howe, og 5, Taylor 20, Jenkins 78, Blissett 85)
QPR (0) 0
Att: 16,862
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Rostron 8, Taylor 8, Terry 7, Bolton 6, Callaghan 7, Blissett 7. ★**JENKINS 9**, Lohman 7, Barnes 8.
QPR: Hucker 6, Neill 5, Gillard 7, Waddock 5, Hazell 6, Roeder 5, Currie 5, Flanagan 6, Howe 4. ★**STAINROD 7**, Gregory 6.
Referee: J. Martin (Hampshire)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Gregory (QPR)

WREXHAM (1) 2 (Edwards 6, 45)
BOLTON (1) 1 (Thompson 5)
Att: 3,022
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Jones 7, Bater 7, Davis 7, Cegielski 6, Ronson 7. ★**LEMAN 8**, McNeil 7, Edwards 7, Fox 6, Carrodus 6.
Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 7, Bennett 7. ★**HENRY 8**, Jones 7, Doyle 7, Chandler 7, Foster 7, Gowing 6, Cantello 6 (sub. Nicholson 6), Thompson 7.
Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

CARLISLE (1) 2 (Staniforth 36, 59)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Robins 26, Lillis 90)
Att: 3,643
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Rushbury 6, Houghton 7, Ashurst 7, Collins 7.
★**COUGHLIN 8**, Robson 7, Bannan 6, Lee 6, Staniforth 7.
Huddersfield: Rankin 7, Brown 7, Burke 7, Stanton 6, Valentine 7, Hanvey 6, Lillis 7, Wilson 6, Fletcher 6. ★**ROBINS 8** (sub. Purdie), Cowling 7.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHESTERFIELD (2) 3 (Henderson, M 8, Wilson 18, Bonnyman, pen 86)
CHESTER (1) 5 (Simpson 3, 80, Raynor, pen 48, Henderson, P 55, 71)
Att: 4,291
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Stirk 5, O'Neill 5.
★**WILSON 8**, Green 5, Ridley 5, Salmons 5, Henderson, M 7, Bonnyman 5, Kowalski 6 (sub. Windridge 5), Crawford 6.
Chester: Harrington 7, Cottam 6, Raynor 6, Storton 6, Zelem 7, Oakes 6, Cooke 6, Jones 6, Simpson 7, Needham 6. ★**HENDERSON, P 8**.
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Neal 43)
NEWPORT (0) 0
Att: 3,084

Millwall: Gleasure 7, Martin 6, Warman 6, Chatterton 6, Allardyce 6, Roberts 6.
★**HAYES 8**, Massey 7, Horrix 6, Neal 6, West 6.
Newport: Kendall 6, Lees 5, Relish 5, Davies 6, Oakes 5, Johnson 6, Vaughan 7, Elsey 7, Aldridge 7, Bishop 7 (sub. Gwyther).
★**LOWNDES 8**.
Referee: M. L. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (1) 2 (Greenwood 43, Lewis 86)
WALSALL (1) 2 (Penn, pen-16, Caswell 64)
Att: 4,446
Swindon: ★**ALLAN 8**, Henry 6, Baddeley 7 (sub. Quinn 5), Williams 7, Lewis 6, Stroud 7, Hughes 6, Carter 5, Rideout 7, Greenwood 6, Pritchard 7.
Walsall: Green 7, Macken 7, Sinnott 5.
★**BEECH 8**, Serella 7, Hart 7, Rees 7, Loveridge 6, Penn 6, O'Kelly 6 (sub. Buckley 7), Caswell 6.
Referee: L. Burden (Corfe Mullen)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Randall 11)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Casells 49)
Att: 4,540
Match abandoned after 64 mins, waterlogged

BURNLEY v PRESTON — Match Postponed

PLYMOUTH v WIMBLEDON — Match Postponed

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Rafferty 19)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Att: 6,711
Portsmouth: Knight 6, Ellis 7, Sullivan 7, Barnard 6, Aizlewood 6 (sub. Hemmerman 6), Garner 6, Doyle 6, Rafferty 7, Gregory 6, Tait 6. ★**CROWN 8**.
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 7. ★**BRUCE 8**, Shaw 7, Sittin 6, Ovard 5, Tydeman 6, White 5, Cascarin 5 (sub. Bottiglieri), Price 6.
Referee: K. W. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BOURNEMOUTH (2) 2 (Dawtry 19, 38)
ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Garwood 35, Jopling 74)
Att: 5,333
Bournemouth: Leigh 6, Heffernan 7, Sulley 6, Spackman 7, Brignull 7, Impey 6, George 6, Crawford 6, Funnell 6, Morgan 6.
★**DAWTRY 8**.
Aldershot: Johnson 7, Edwards 6, Wooler 7, Briley 7, Bennett 6. ★**JOPLING 8**, Lucas 6, McDonald 7, Garwood 6, French 7, Brodie 6.
Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

HALIFAX (0) 3 (Davison 55, 78, Ayre 84)
DARLINGTON (2) 3 (Stalker 42, 44, Speedie 90)
Att: 1,508
Halifax: Smelt 6, Chamberlain 7, Carr 7, Evans 6, Ayre 7, Hendrie 7, Ward 7, Davison 7, Allatt 7. ★**SPOONER 8**, Firth 7.
Darlington: ★**CUFF 8**, Kamara 6, Wilson 7, Smith 6, Skipper 7, Speedie 7, Stalker 7, McLean 7, Hawker 7, Hamilton 7, Walsh 7.
Referee: P. J. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

HULL (2) 2 (Mutrie, pen 17, McClaren 21)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
Att: 6,121
Hull: Norman 6, Swann 6, Booth 5, Roberts 6, Horswill 7 (sub. Thompson 6), Davis 7.
★**MARWOOD 8**, McClaren 7, Whitehurst 6, Mutrie 6, Deacy 6.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Davy 5 (sub. Duffy 6). ★**PILLING 8**, Keeley 6, Dall 5, Oates 7, Arins 6, Telfer 7, Lambert 6, Moss 5, Stewart 5.
Referee: R. A. Banks (Radcliffe)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Mutrie (Hull)

NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Massey 19, Alexander 75)
TORQUAY (0) 0
Att: 1,959
Northampton: Poole 7, Brady 6, Saunders 7, Gage 7. ★**KRUSE 9**, Coffill 8, Saxby 7, Sandy 6, Alexander 5, Perrin 7, Massey 8.
Torquay: ★**O'KEEFE 9**, Jones 6, Pethard 6, Tainton 5, Rodgers 6, Wilson 5, Brown 5, Lawrence 7, Cox 6, Young 5 (sub. Cooper 7), Rioch 8.
Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Goodwin 44)
CREWE (0) 0
Att: 1,060
Rochdale: Crawford 7, Weir 7. ★**SNOOKES 8**, Dolan 7, Burke 7, Taylor 7, Hamilton 5 (sub.

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Esser), O'Loughlin 6, Wellings 7, Goodwin 6, Martinez 7.
Crewe: Mulhearn 7, Lewis 6, Griffiths 7, Salathiel 6. **★SCOTT 8**, Palios 7, Heath 7, Hanlon 7 (sub. Keighley 6), Chesters 6, Howat 6, Williams 6.
Referee: G. Flint (Kirkby-in-Ashfield)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (0) 3 (Barrow 52, Methven 65, O'Keefe 72)
BURY (1) 2 (Hilton, M 11, Madden 54)
 Att: 7,508

Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6, Glenn 6, Wignall 7, Cribley 7, Methven 7. **★O'KEEFE 8**, Barrow 7, Bradd 6, Houghton 7 (sub. Quinn), Evans 7.
Bury: ★**BROWN 8**, Constantine 6, Kennedy 6, Gore 6, Hilton, P 6, Howard 6, Madden 6, Cruickshank 6, Johnson 6, Jakub 6 (sub. Bradley 6), Hilton, M 7.
Referee: D. B. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★

Wednesday, Mar. 10

Division One

LEEDS (0) 0
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Reeves 83)
 Att: 20,797
Leeds: Lukic 6, Greenhoff 5, Gray, E 6, Hird 5, Cherry 6, Burns 5, Butterworth 6.
★THOMAS 7, Worthington 6, Connor 6, Harris 5.
Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 6, Bond 7, Caton 7, Ryan 6. **★REEVES 8**, Hareide 7, Jackson 6, Power 6.
Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Burns (Leeds)

SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Pickering 48, McCoist 86)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
 Att: 15,747
Sunderland: Turner 7, Hinnigan 6, Munro 6, Hindmarch 6, Chisholm 6. **★ELLIOTT 8**, Buckley 7, McCoist 7, Rowell 7, Pickering 7, Cummins 6.
Southampton: Katalinic 6, Golac 6 (sub. Puckett), Holmes 6, Baker 6, Nicholl 6, Waldron 6, Keegan 7, Channon 7, Wallace 7. **★ARMSTRONG 8**, Ball 7.
Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

DERBY (1) 1 (Wilson 23)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Atkins 71)
 Att: 7,518
Derby: Banovic 5, Attley 5 (sub. Lovatt), **★BUCKLEY 8**, Skivington 5, Sheridan 6, McAlle 5, Hector 4, Powell, B 4, Wilson 6, Swindlehurst 6, Emsdon 5.
Shrewsbury: ★**WARDLE 8**, Leonard 6, Johnson 6, Cross 6, Griffin 5 (sub. McNally), MacLaren 6, Tong 7, Turner 6, Atkins 6, Dungworth 5, Bates 5.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★

Division Three

EXETER (0) 1 (Rogers, P 76)
FULHAM (0) 0
 Att: 3,374
Exeter: Bond 7, Kirkup 7, Sparrow 6, **★MARKER 8**, Foster 7, Roberts 6, Pratt 5, Rogers, P 7, Kellow 5, Dolve 6, Rogers, M 6.
Fulham: Peyton 6, Lock 6, Strong 6, O'Driscoll 5, Brown 6, Gale 7. **★DAVIES 8**, Wilson 7, Coney 6, O'Sullivan 7, Reeves 6.
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (2) 5 (Turner, P 10, Hobson 14, 72, 90, Hibberd 50)
DONCASTER (0) 0
 Att: 5,189
Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 7, Turner, P 7, Cockerill 7, Peake 8, Thompson 7, Shipley 6, Turner, W 7. **★HOBSON 9**, Cunningham 7, Hibberd 8.
Doncaster: Boyd 7, Russell 6, Cooper 5, **★SNODIN 18**, Lister 6, Dowd 6, Pugh 7, Harle 6, Douglas 6, Snodin, G 6, Mell 6.
Referee: G. Naphthine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Cooper and Russell (Doncaster) and Shipley (Lincoln).

READING (0) 3 (Dixon 53, 85, Beavon 55)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Dixon, og 60)
 Att: 3,107

Reading: Fearon 6, Williams 6, White 7, **★WEBB 8**, Hicks 6, Hetzke 6, Beavon 6, Earles 5, Dixon 7, Sanchez 6, Donnellan 5 (sub. Lewis 5).
Bristol City: Moller 6, Stevens 6, Williams 6, Bray 6, McCaffery 5, Nicholls 6, Musker 6, Carter 6. **★CHANDLER 7**, Gooding 5 (sub. Newman), Hay 6.
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (2) 3 (Brockbank 42, McEwan, pen 43, Bamber 66)
YORK (0) 1 (Walwyn 88)
 Att: 2,164
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Gardner 6, Brockbank 6, Hockaday 6, Harrison 6, McEwan 7. **★MORGAN 8**, Noble 7, Bamber 7, Pashley 7, Stewart 6.
York: ★**BLACKBURN 8**, Stanley 6, Dawson 5, Hood 6 (sub. Benson), Craig 6, Kay 5, Fell 6, Byrne 6, Walwyn 6, Ford 7, Laverick 6.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

BRADFORD (0) 5 (Campbell 73, 85, Staniforth 82, Chapman 88, McNiven 89)
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Lloyd 5)
 Att: 3,941
Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Podd 7, Watson 6, Ingham 6 (sub. Gallagher 6), Cooke 7, McFarland 7, Lester 7, Staniforth 7, Campbell 6. **★MCNIVEN 8**, Chapman 7.
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Sneddon 6, Sherlock 6, Emmerson 5, Thorpe 5, Smith 5, Williams 6, Sunley 6. **★FOWLER 7**, Park 6, Coyle 5 (sub. Stafford 5).
Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
TRANMERE (0) 0
 Att: 1,633
Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Sweeney 5, Stimpson 5. **★JOHNSON 8**, Bird 6, Brown 6, Linacre, J 6, Staff 5, Newton 6, Houchen 7, Linacre, P 6.
Tranmere: Endersby 6, Mungall 5, Burgess 6, Mountfield 4. **★BRAMHALL 8**, Williams 6, Hamilton 7 (sub. Parry 5), Brown 6, Kerr 5, Craven 6, Griffiths 7.
Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★

HEREFORD (1) 2 (Phillips 22, 81)
COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Allinson, pen 49, Bremner 53)
 Att: 2,060
Hereford: Brand 7, Price 7, Pejic 6, Hicks 7, Dobson 7, Musial 7, Harvey 6, Laidlaw 7. **★PHILLIPS 8**, Showers 7, White 7.
Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 7, Coleman 6, Cotton 6. **★WIGNALL 8**, Wright 7, Lyons 7, Bremner 6 (sub. Adcock 7), Osborne 7, McDonough 7, Allinson 7.
Referee: B. Newsome (Broseley)
Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Cooke 83)
PORT VALE (0) 0
 Att: 4,151
Peterborough: Freeman 6, Butler 6, Collins 6, Gynn 7, Smith, T 6. **★RODAWAY 8**, Clarke 6, Kellock 7, Cooke 7, Smith, R 5 (sub. Hodgson 5), Chard 6.
Port Vale: Harrison 7, Tarrt 6, Bromage 6, Keenan 5 (sub. Brissett 6), Sproson 6, Bowles 7. **★CHAMBERLAIN 8**, Moss 6, Farrell 6, Armstrong 6, Chamberlain, M 7.
Referee: R. Lewis (Great Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Cooper 35 secs, Strachan, pen 48, Jarvie 84)
HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (Rae 22)
 Att: 9,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, **★HAMILTON 8**, McMaster 7, McLeish 7, Miller 6, Strachan 7, Cooper 6, McGhee 6, Simpson 6 (sub. Jarvie), Hewitt 6.
Hibs: ★**McARTHUR 8**, Sneddon 6, Duncan 6, McLaren 6, Patterson 7, McNamara 6, Callachan 7, Murray 6, MacLeod 6, Rae 7, Flavell 6.
Referee: R. Cuthill (Winchburgh)
Match Rating: ★★
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 1 (McKinnie, og 39)
DUNDEE (1) 1 (Ferguson, pen 28)
 Att: 13,790
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark 6, Malpas 7, Phillip 6, Hegarty 7. **★NAREY 8**, Bannon 7, Milne 6, Holt 7, Sturrock 7, Dodds 7.

Dundee: Geddes 6, McKinnie 6, McClelland 7, Fraser 6, Smith 6. **★GLENNIE 8**, Ferguson 7, Kidd 6 (sub. Stephen 6), Fleming 7, McGeachie 7, Mackie 7.
Referee: D. Syme (Rutherglen)
Match Rating: ★★

ST MIRREN (2) 2 (Richardson 10, Scanlon, pen 12)
RANGERS (1) 3 (Bett, pen 11, Johnstone 52, 68)
 Att: 9,000
St Mirren: Thomson 7, McCormack 6, Beckett 6, Fitzpatrick 6. **★FULTON 8**, Copeland 7, Boag 6, Stark 7, McDougall 7, Richardson 7, Scanlon 6.
Rangers: Stewart 7, Jardine 6. **★DAWSON 8**, McAdam 6, Jackson 6, Bett 7, Cooper 7, Russell 6, Johnstone 7, Miller 6, Redford 7.
Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Fitzpatrick (St. Mirren)

First Division

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Given pen 74)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0
 Att: 1,400

Sending Off: Treanor (Clydebank)

KILMARNOCK (0) 2 (Bryson, pen 77, Burke 88)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
 Att: 1,550
Sending Off: Hamill (Dunfermline)

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Beedie 42, Brogan 55)
FALKIRK (0) 0
 Att: 950

Second Division

MEADOWBANK (0) 4 (Jobson 49, Georgeson 54, Hendrie 68, Sprott 81)
STRANRAER (1) 1 (Taylor 26)
 Att: 460

STIRLING (0) 0
FORFAR (0) 0
 Att: 647

Friday, Mar. 12

Division Two

BARNESLEY (0) 2 (Banks 62, Glavin 83)
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Lee 13)
 Att: 12,706
Barnsley: Horn 6, Law 6, Chambers 6, **★GLAVIN 8**, Banks 7, McCarthy 7, Evans 7, Walker 7, Aylott 7, McHale 6, Birch 7.
Chelsea: Francis 6, Locke 6, Hutchings 6, Nutton 6, Chivers 7, Pates 7, Rhoades-Brown 7, Hales (sub. Walker 7). **★LEE 8**, Mayes 7, Fillery 6.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (1) 5 (Phillips 40, Walsh 51, Lansdowne 52, 67, Gritt 87)
ORIENT (1) 2 (Jennings 34, Silkman 78)
 Att: 5,871
Charlton: Johns 6, Naylor 7, Elliott 7, Mehmet 7, Gritt 7, Phillips 7.
★LANSDOWNE 8, Walsh 7, Hales 6, Berry 6, Robinson 7.
Orient: Day 5, **★FOSTER 7**, Roffey 6, Fisher 6, Gray 6, Margerrison 6, Godfrey 6, Jennings 5, Moores 6, Silkman 5, Hughton 5.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (0) 0
WREXHAM (0) 0
 Att: 10,880
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 6, Aizlewood 6 (sub. Bunn 6). **★HORTON 8**, Goodyear 7, Donaghy 7, Hill 7, Stein 6, White 6, Antic 6, Moss 6.
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Hill 7, Bater 7, Downman 7, Cegielski 7, Ronson 6, Leman 6, McNeil 7. **★FOX 8**, Buxton 6, Carrodus 7.
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

DONCASTER (0) 0
SWINDON (0) 0
 Att: 3,532
Doncaster: Boyd 7. **★RUSSELL 8**, Dawson 6, Snodin, I 7, Lister 6, Dowd 7 (sub. Mell 6), Pugh 7, Cooper 7, Douglas 6, Snodin, G 7, Lally 7.
Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 7, Williams 6, Emmanuel 6. **★LEWIS 8**, Stroud 7, Hughes 7, Carter 6, Rideout 7, Greenwood 7, Pritchard 7.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Cascarino 24)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Neal 89)
 Att: 5,508
Gillingham: ★**HILLYARD 8**, Sharpe 6, Adams 6, Bruce 7, Shaw 6, Sitton 7, Ovard 7, Tydeman 7, White 6, Cascarino 7, Price 6.
Millwall: Gleasure 7, Martin 7, Warman 6, Chatterton 7, Allardye 7, Roberts 6, Hayes 6 (sub. Dibble 6), Massey 6, Horrix 6. **★NEAL 8**, West 7.
Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (0) 0
HULL (0) 3 (Mutrie 66, 76, Marwood 73)
 Att: 2,059
Aldershot: Johnson 5, Edwards 5, Wooler 4 (sub. Sanford), Briley 4, Bennett 4, Jopling 5, Lucas 4, McDonald 4, Garwood 5, French 4. **★BRODIE 6**.
Hull: Norman 6, Swann 6, Booth 5, Roberts 7, Thompson 7, Davis 6, Marwood 8. **★MCCLAREN 9**, Whitehurst 7, Mutrie 8, Deacy 7.
Referee: T. Glasson (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Bremner 5)
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Ayre 28)
 Att: 2,464
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 5, Coleman 5, Lyons 6, Wignall 6, Wright 6. **★COTTON 7** (sub. Adcock 5), Bremner 6, Osborne 6, McDonough 5, Allinson 5.
Halifax: Smelt 6, Chamberlain 7, Carr 5. **★EVANS 8**, Ayre 6, Hendrie 5, Ward 6, Davison 5, Allatt 6, Spooner 6, Firth 5.
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (0) 2 (Telfer 51, 67)
WIGAN (3) 7 (Bradd 3, 36, 61, Houghton 27, 64, Methven 69, Barrow 85)
 Att: 2,599
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Lambert 5 (sub. Davy 6), Pilling 5, Keeley 6, Dall 6, Oates 7, Arins 6, Telfer 7, Botham 6, Moss 7. **★POINTON 8**.
Wigan: Tunks 7, McMahon 7, Glenn 7, Wignall 7, Methven 7, Cribley 7, O'Keefe 7, Barrow 7, Bradd 7. **★HOUGHTON 8**, Evans 7.
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (0) 0
ROCHDALE (2) 4 (Martinez 22, Hilditch 35, 60, Wellings 81)
 Att: 2,079
Stockport: Lloyd 4, Seddon 5, Sherlock 6, Emmerson 5, Hawke 5, Smith 5, Williams 6, Sunley 6. **★FOWLER 7**, Park 6, Power 6.
Rochdale: Crawford 7, Weir 7, Snookes 6, Dolan 7, Burke 7, Taylor 6, Goodwin 5 (sub. Esser 6), O'Loughlin 6, Hilditch 8, Wellings 8. **★MARTINEZ 9**.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Mar. 13

League Cup Final

LIVERPOOL (0) 3 (Whelan 87, 111, Rush 119)
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Archibald 11)
 Att: 100,000
After Extra Time
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 7, Kennedy 8, Lawrenson 7, Thompson 7. **★WHELAN 9**, Daighish 7, Lee 7, Rush 6, McDermott 6 (sub. Johnson 7), Souness 7.
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 7, Price 7, Hazard 7 (sub. Villa 6), Perryman 7. **★ARDILES 8**, Archibald 7, Galvin 6, Hoddle 7, Crooks 6.
Referee: P. N. Willis (County Durham)
Match Rating: ★★

Division One

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Robson 11)
IPSWICH (0) 0
 Att: 25,977
Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollins 7, Sansom 6, Talbot 7, O'Leary 7, Whyte 7, Gorman 6, Sunderland 6, Davis 6. **★ROBSON 8**, Rix 6.
Ipswich: Sivell 6, Burley 7. **★McCALL 8**, Mills 5, Osman 6, Steggles 6, Wark 6, Muhren 6, D'Avray 6, Brazil 7, Gates 6.
Referee: T. G. Bune (Surrey)
Match Rating: ★★
ASTON VILLA (2) 3 (Donovan 25, Morley 35, Shaw 85)

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WOLVES (1) 1 (Clarke 42)

Att: 26,790

Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 7, Williams 7, Evans 7, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Bremner 6, Shaw 7, ★DONOVAN 8, Cowans 6, Morley 7.

Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Palmer 6, Parkin 6, Villazan 6, Gallagher 6, Coy 6, Hibbitt 7, Carr 6, Eves 6, Richards 6 (sub. Matthews 5), ★CLARKE 8.

Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Curbishley 18, Hawker 63)

Stoke (0) 1 (Chapman 79)

Att: 12,018

Birmingham: Wealands 7, Langan 6, Broadhurst 7, Hawker 7, Scott 6, Curbishley 7, ★DILLON 9, Whatmore 6 (sub. Linney 6), Evans 6, Van Den Hauwe 6, Van Mierlo 8, Stoke: Fox 5, Kirk 6, Hampton 5, Dodd 5, Watson 5, McAughtrie 5, Griffiths 5, O'Callaghan 6, Chapman 6, ★BRACEWELL 7, Maguire 5 (sub. Lumsden).
Referee: K. E. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (1) 2 (Higgins 28, Sharp 52)

Middlesbrough (0) 0

Att: 15,807

Everton: Southall 7, Borrows 6, Bailey 6, Higgins 8, Wright 8, Richardson 8, Irvine 7, Heath 8, ★SHARP 9, McMahon 7 (sub. Ainscow), Ross 8.

Middlesbrough: Platt 8, Natrass 6, Bailey 5, Ross 6, Baxter 6, McAndrew 7, Angus 6, Bolton 5, Hodgson 6, Ashcroft 7, ★THOMSON 9.

Referee: L. N. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 1 (Ward, pen 82)

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (Caton 45)

Att: 20,929

Nott'm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 5, Bowyer 5, McGovern 6, Young 6, Gunn 6, Roeder 7, Proctor 6, ★WARD 8, Wallace 6, Gray 6 (sub. Fashanu 6).

Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 6, ★McDONALD 8, Reid 7, Bond 7, Caton 7, Ryan 6, Reeves 7, Hareide 7, Hartford 7, Power 6 (sub. Kinsey 5).

Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

WEST BROM (0) 0

Att: 21,376

Southampton: Katalinic 6, Golac 6, Holmes 6, ★BAKER 8, Nicholl 7, Waldron 7, Keegan 6, Channon 6, Puckett 5 (sub. Wallace), Armstrong 6, Ball 7.

West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 7, Zondervan 7, Bennett 6, Wile 6, Robertson 6, Brown 5, King 6, ★REGIS 8, Owen 7, Mackenzie 6.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Walmer)
Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 0

LEEDS (0) 1 (Worthington 57)

Att: 20,285

Sunderland: Turner 7, Hinnigan 6 (sub. Venison 7), ★MUNRO 8, Hindmarch 7, Chisholm 5, Elliott 7, Buckley 7, McCoist 6, Rowell 6, Pickering 6, Cummins 5.

Leeds: Lukic 6, Greenhoff 7, Gray, E 6, Hird 7, Cherry 7, ★BURNS 8, Parlane 6, Thomas 6, Worthington 7, Connor 7, Gray, F 6.
Referee: J. B. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (0) 0

COVENTRY (0) 0

Att: 16,425

Swansea: Davies 7, Robinson 6, Marustik 6, Irwin 6, Kennedy 6, ★RAJKOVIC 8, Curtis 7, James, R 6, James, L 7, Thompson 6, Charles 6 (sub. Stanley 6).

Coventry: Sealey 7, ★THOMAS 8, Roberts 6, Jacobs 6, Dyson 6, Gillespie 6, Hendrie 6 (sub. Butterworth 6), Francis 7, Hateley 6, English 6, Whitton 7.

Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Stewart, pen 40)

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0

Att: 22,145

West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 7, Lampard 6, Bonds 6, Orr 6, ★DEVONSHIRE 8, Allen 6, Goddard 5, Cross 6, Van der Elst 6, Pike 6.

Notts County: Avramovic 6, Benjamin 6, O'Brien 7, Goodwin 6, Kilcline 6, ★RICHARDS 8, Chiedozie 6 (sub. Christie 6), Harkouk 6, McCulloch 6, Hooks 5, Mair 6.
Referee: R. G. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

Sending Off: Hooks (Notts County)

Division Two

BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Stonehouse, pen 19, Garner 77)

GRIMSBY (0) 0

Att: 8,676

Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Hamilton 5, Rathbone 6, Arnott 6, ★KEELEY 8, Fazackerley 7, Miller 6, Stonehouse 6, Bell 6, Garner 7, Brotherton 5.

Grimby: ★BATCH 8, Moore, D 5, Crombie 5, Waters 5, Cooper 6, Moore, K 5, Brolly 5, Ford 4 (sub. Whymark 5), Drinkell 4, Beacock 5, Cumming 5.

Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Gibbins 25, O'Neill 61)

BOLTON (1) 1 (Henry 42)

Att: 3,430

Cambridge: Key 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 7, Smith 6, Fallon 7, Nichols 7, Cartwright 6, ★SPRIGGS 8, Gibbins 7, Reilly 6, Mayo 6 (sub. O'Neill 7).

Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 7, Nicholson 6, ★HENRY 8, Jones 7, Doyle (sub. Langley 6), Chandler 7, Berry 7, Gowling 6, Bennett 6, Thompson 7.

Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★

DERBY (2) 4 (Buckley 22, Skivington 38, Wilson 76, 83)

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (McAlle, og 18)

Att: 10,248

Derby: Banovic 6, Attley 7, ★BUCKLEY 8, Skivington 6, Sheridan 6, McAlle 6, Hector 5, Powell, B 6, Wilson 7, Swindlehurst 7, Emson 6.

Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Hinshelwood 5, Lovell 6, Murphy 6, Cannon 6, Gilbert 5, Giles 5, ★SMILLIE 8, Brooks 5, Mabbutt 6, Hilaire 5.

Referee: N. H. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (1) 3 (Lynex, pen 7, Young 46, Melrose 71)

QPR (1) 2 (Currie 22, Stainrod 87)

Att: 17,812

Leicester: Walker 6, Williams 7, Friar 5, Peake 7, May 5, O'Neill 6, ★LYNEX 8, Lineker 7, Young 6 (sub. Melrose 7), Wilson 7, Kelly 7.

QPR: Hucker 6, Howe 5, Gillard 6, Waddock 5, Hazell 6, Roeder 6, Currie 6, Flanagan 6, Allen 6, ★STAINROD 7, Gregory 5 (sub. Burke 6).

Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (1) 4 (O'Neill 38, Watson 59, Deehan, pen 65, Bertschin 74)

WATFORD (2) 2 (Barnes 5, Taylor 41)

Att: 15,534

Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Downs 8, McGuire 8, Walford 7, ★WATSON 9, Jack 7, O'Neill 7, Deehan 6, Bertschin 6, Mendham 7.

Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, Rostron 7, Taylor 7, Terry 6, Bolton 6, Callaghan 7 (sub. Armstrong 7), Blissett 6, Jenkins 7, Lohman 7, ★BARNES 8.

Referee: H. Taylor (Leics.)
Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM (0) 0

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 3 (Pearson 35, Megson 76, Bannister 85)

Att: 9,027

Oldham: McDonnell 6, Hoolickin 7, Ryan 6 (sub. Edwards 6), ★KEEGAN 8, Firm 6, Futcher 6, Wylde 5, Heaton 5, Steel 5, Palmer 7, Atkinson 6.

Sheff Wed: ★BOLDER 8, Sterland 6 (sub. Pearson 7), Williamson 6, Shirliff 6, Pickering 6, Smith 6, Megson 7, Taylor 6, Bannister 7, McCulloch 7, Curran 7.

Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★

ROTHERHAM (0) 0

NEWCASTLE (0) 0

Att: 16,905

Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 7, Breckin 6, Hughes 7, ★STANCLIFFE 8, Green 7, Towner 7, Gow 6, Moore 7, Seaman 7, McEwan 6.

Newcastle: Carr 6, Brownlie 7, Saunders 7, Trewick 6, ★CARNEY 8, Haddock 7, Mills 6, Martin 7, Varadi 7, Cartwright 6, Waddle 7.

Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Dungworth 42)

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Bennett, G 81)

Att: 4,089

Shrewsbury: ★WARDLE 9, Leonard 7, Johnson 6, Cross 7, Griffin 6, MacLaren 5, Tong 6, McNally 6, Atkins 7, Dungworth 6, Bates 6.

Cardiff: Healey 7, Jones 6, Gilbert 6, Pontin 6, Hughes 7, Bennett, G 7, Grapes 6, Maddy 5 (sub. Micallef), Kitchen 6, ★BENNETT, D 8, Stevens 6.

Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (Roberts 16, Kamara 79)

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0

Att: 5,360

Brentford: McKellar 6, Rowe 7, Hull 5, Salman 7, Whitehead 5, Hurlock 6, Kamara 7, Kemp 6 (sub. Booker), Johnson 5, ★BOWLES 8, Roberts 7.

Chesterfield: Turner 5, Stirk 6, O'Neill 5, ★WILSON 7, Green 5, Pollard 5, Henson 5 (sub. Walker), Henderson 5, Bonnyman 6, Ridley 5, Crawford 5.

Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Cunningham 35)

Att: 6,341

Bristol City: Moller 7, Stevens 6, Hay 6, Newman 7, McCaffery 7, Williams 6, Bray 7, ★CARTER 8, Chandler 7, Gooding 6, Economou 7.

Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 6, Turner, P 6, Cockerill 7, Peake 7, Thompson 6, Shipley 7, Turner, W 7, Hobson 6, ★CUNNINGHAM 8, Hibberd 6.

Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (0) 0

PLYMOUTH (1) 3 (Uzzell 38, Hodges 56, Sims 86)

Att: 1,988

Chester: Harrington 6, Cottam 5, Raynor 5, Storton 7, Zelem 5, Oakes 6, Cooke 5 (sub. Phillips 6), Jones 5, ★SIMPSON 8, Needham 7, Henderson 5.

Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 7, Harrison 5, Phillips-Masters 5, Cooper 6, Hodges 7, Cook 6, Sims 7, Randall 6, ★ROGERS 8.

Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★



Battle of the full-backs. Liverpool's Alan Kennedy and Tottenham skipper Steve Perryman in a duel during Saturday's League Cup Final at Wembley.

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

FULHAM (1) 1 (Davies 18)
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Young 43)
 Att: 7,214
 Fulham: Peyton 7, Lock 7, Strong 7,
 O'Driscoll 7, Brown 8, Gale 8, ★**DAVIES** 9,
 Wilson 6, Coney 6, O'Sullivan 7, Reeves 7
 (sub. Hopkins 6).
 Burnley: ★**STEVENSON** 9, Laws 7, Holt 7,
 Scott 6, Overson 6, Phelan 6, Dobson 8,
 Steven 7, Hamilton 6, Flynn 8, Young 8.
 Referee: S. Bates (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 2 (Williams, B 30,
 Valentine, og 85)
 Att: 6,156
 Huddersfield: Rankin 6, Brown 5, Burke 5,
 Stanton 5, Valentine 5, Harvey 6, ★**LILLIS** 7,
 Wilson 6 (sub. Purdie 5), Fletcher 6, Robins 6,
 Cowling 5.
 Bristol Rovers: ★**KITE** 8, Jones 7, Mabbutt
 7, Bailey 7, Parkin 7, Barratt 7, Williams, D 7,
 Stephens 7, Randall 7, Williams, B 7, Slatter 7.
 Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
 Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Elsay 74)
PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Crown 13)
 Att: 4,209
 Newport: Kendall 6, Lees 7, ★**MOORE** 8,
 Davies 6, Oakes 7, Tynan 6 (sub. Bishop 6),
 Vaughan 6, Elsey 7, Aldridge 7, Gwyther 6,
 Lowndes 7.
 Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 6,
 Sullivan 6, Barnard 7, Rollings 6, Ellis 6, Berry
 7, Rafferty 6, Gregory 6, Tait 6, ★**BROWN** 8.
 Referee: G. Naphine (Loughborough)
 Match Rating: ★★

OXFORD (0) 0
SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Phillips 30, 61)
 Att: 6,252
 Oxford: Burton 5, Doyle 6, Fogg 5, Jeffrey 6,
 Briggs 6, ★**SHOTTON** 7, Brock 6, Foley 6,
 Cassells 6 (sub. Kearns 5), Thomas 5,
 Smithers 5.
 Southend: ★**KEELEY** 8, Stead 6, Yates 6,
 Pennyfather 7, Moody 6, Hadley 5, Pountney
 6, Phillips 7, Nelson 6, Mercer 5,
 Otulakowski 5.
 Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)
 Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (0) 1 (Elliott 62)
EXETER (0) 0
 Att: 4,770
 Preston: Hodge 7, Anderson 7, McAteer 6,
 Bell 7, Booth 7, O'Riordan 7, Kelly 6, McGee
 6, Elliott 6, ★**BUCKLEY** 8, Bruce 7.
 Exeter: ★**BOND** 9, Kirkup 7, Sparrow 7,
 Marker 6 (sub. Pullar 6), Foster 7, Roberts, P
 7, Pratt 6, Rogers, P 6, Kellow 6, Delve 6,
 Rogers, M 5.
 Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Rogers, M (Exeter)

WALSALL (0) 1 (Beech 73)
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Robson 69)
 Att: 3,507
 Walsall: Green 7, Macken 7, Sinnott 7,
 ★**BEECH** 8, Serella 6, Hart 7, Rees 7,
 Loveridge 6, Penn 5, Buckley 7 (sub. O'Kelly
 6), Caswell 7.
 Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Craig 5, Parker 6,
 Rushbury 6 ★**HOUGHTON** 8, Ashurst 7,
 Collins 6 (sub. Bannan), Coughlin 6, Robson
 7, Lee 6, Staniforth 7.
 Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey)
 Match Rating: ★★

WIMBLEDON (0) 0
READING (0) 0
 Att: 2,551
 Wimbledon: ★**BEASANT** 9, Brown 6,
 Armstrong 8, Smith 6, Morris 7, Downes 6,
 Ketteridge 6, Lazarus 5, Leslie 7 (sub. Elliott
 6), Hodges 7, Joseph 5.
 Reading: Fearon 6, Williams 5, Lewis 6,
 Webb 7, Hicks 5, Hetzke 7, Beavon 6, Kearney
 6, ★**DIXON** 8, Sanchez 6, Donnellan 5 (sub.
 Cullen).
 Referee: B. T. Stevens (Gloucs.)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BURY (1) 2 (Hilton, M 30, Madden 89)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Spackman 22,
 Carter 68)
 Att: 4,087
 Bury: Brown 6, Constantine 6 (sub. Mullen 5),
 Hilton, P 6, ★**HOWARD** 7, Kennedy 6, Gore
 5, Cruickshank 5, Jakub 5, Johnson 5, Hilton
 M 5, Madden 6.
 Bournemouth: Leigh 6, Heffernan 6,
 Compton 6, Brignall 7, Jeffery 6,
 ★**SPACKMAN** 8, Williams 6, Dawtry 7,
 Carter 6, Funnell 6, Morgan 5.
 Referee: J. Ashley (Nantwich)
 Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (0) 0
MANSFIELD (0) 2 (Bell 56, Cannell 64)
 Att: 1,476
 Crewe: Mulhearn 6, Lewis 6, Griffiths 5,
 Salathiel 6, Scott 6, ★**PALIOS** 7, Keighley 6,
 Heath 5, Chesters 6, Howat 6, Williams 6.
 Mansfield: Arnold 7, McJanet 6, Wood 6,
 Bell 6, Burrows 6, Calderwood 6, ★**MANN** 8,
 Cannell 6, Lumby 6, Nicholson 7, Parkinson 6.
 Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)
 Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (2) 2 (Chamberlain, N 10, Moss
 26)
BLACKPOOL (0) 0
 Att: 3,439
 Port Vale: Harrison 6, Tarrt 6, Bowles 6,
 Sproson 7, Bromage 7, Armstrong 7, Brissett
 6, Greenhoff 6, Chamberlain, N 7, Moss 7,
 ★**CHAMBERLAIN**, M 8.
 Blackpool: Hesford 6, Gardner 6, McEwan 6,
 Harrison 6, Brockbank 6, Hockaday 6, Deary
 6, ★**PASHLEY** 7, Stewart 6 (sub. Entwistle
 6), Noble 6, Bamber 6.
 Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Lawrence 83)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Staff 38)
 Att: 1,619
 Torquay: ★**O'KEEFE** 8, Jones 7, Pethard 6,
 Tainton 6, Rodgers 6, Wilson 6, Sermanni 5,
 Lawrence 6, Cooper 5, Rioch 6, Winn 5 (sub.
 Cox 6).
 Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Linacre, J 6,
 Stimpson 6, Hogan 7, ★**BIRD** 8, Brown 6,
 Harding 7 (sub. Linacre, P 6), Staff 7, Newton
 5, Houchen 6, Johnson 6.
 Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
 Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Perrin 24, Saxby 79)
 Att: 1,193
 Tranmere: Endersby 5, Mungall 6, Burgess 6,
 Mountfield 5, ★**BRAMHALL** 7, Williams 5
 (sub. Morley 5), Brown 5, Powell 5, Kerr 5,
 Craven 6, Griffiths 5.
 Northampton: Poole 5, Brady 6, Saunders 6,
 Gage 6, Kruse 7, Sandy 6, Buchanan 6, Coffill
 6, Massey 7, Perrin 6, ★**SAXBY** 8.
 Referee: K. S. Hackett (Sheffield)
 Match Rating: ★★

YORK (2) 4 (Kay 5, 88, Laverick 12, Byrne 48)
PETERBOROUGH (2) 3 (Syrett 20, Cooke
 45, Clarke 49)
 Att: 2,178
 York: Blackburn 7, Sweeney 7 (sub. Fell 6),
 Dawson 7, Hood 7, Craig 6, ★**AITKEN** 8, Kay
 7, Byrne 7, Walwyn 7, Ford 6, Laverick 6.
 Peterborough: Freeman 7, Butler 6, Collins
 6, ★**GYNN** 8, Smith, A 7, Rodaway 6, Syrett
 7, Hodgson 6, Cooke 7, Smith, R 6 (sub.
 Clarke 7), Chard 7.
 Referee: A. Robinson (Manchester)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

AIRDRIE (0) 0
DUNDEE (0) 2 (Fleming 49, Fraser 82)
 Att: 2,500
 Airdrie: Martin 7, Cairney 6, Rodger 7,
 Campbell 6, Anderson, G 6, ★**ANDERSON**,
 N 8, McKeown 7, March 6, McDonagh 6,
 Gordon 7, McGuire 6.
 Dundee: Geddes 7, McKinnie 6, McClelland
 6, ★**FRASER** 8, Smith 7, Glennie 6,
 Ferguson 7, Kidd 6, Fleming 7, McGeachie 6,
 Mackie 6.
 Referee: R. Cuthill (Winchburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE UNITED (3) 5 (Dodds 9, 19, 74,
 Gough 23, McKinnon, og 52)
PARTICK (0) 1 (O'Hara 62)
 Att: 5,465
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark 7,
 ★**GOUGH** 8, Gibson 6, Hegarty 7, Narey 7,
 Holt 6 (sub. Bannan 7), Kirkwood 6 (sub.
 Phillip), Milne 6, Sturrock 7, Dodds 7.
 Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 6, ★**LAPSLEY**
 8, Campbell 6, Watson 7, McDonald 6,
 Jardine 7, O'Hara 6, Higgins 7 (sub. Sweeney
 6), Park 6, Johnstone 6 (sub. Clark).
 Referee: C. J. White (Clarkstone)
 Match Rating: ★★

HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (Rae 40, Murray 46)
MORTON (1) 2 (McNeil 16, Ritchie 89)
 Att: 5,000
 Hibs: McArthur 7, Sneddon 6, Schaedler 7,
 Brazil 7, Paterson 6, McNamara 6,
 ★**CALLACHAN** 8, Murray 7, MacLeod 6,
 Rae 6, Duncan 6.
 Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7,
 Rooney 6, McLaughlin 7, Duffy 6, McNeil 7
 (sub. Houston 7), McNab 6 (sub. Docherty),
 Busby 7, Hutchison 6, ★**RITCHIE** 8.
 Referee: B. Robertson (East Kilbride)
 Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone 63)
ABERDEEN (2) 3 (Cowan 9, Cooper 34,
 Watson 83)
 Att: 24,000
 Rangers: Stewart 7, Jardine 6, Dawson 7,
 McAdam 6, Jackson 6, ★**BETT** 8, Cooper 7,
 Russell 6, Johnstone 7, Miller 6, Redford 6.
 Aberdeen: ★**LEIGHTON** 8, Kennedy 7,
 Rougie 6, McMaster 6, McLeish 7, Miller 7,
 Strachan 7, Cooper 6, McGhee 6, Simpson 6,
 Cowan 7.
 Referee: H. Alexander (Irvine)
 Match Rating: ★★

ST MIRREN (0) 2 (McDougall 48, 61)
CELTIC (4) 5 (MacLeod 17, 50, Burns 30,
 Sullivan 37, McCluskey 44)
 Att: 17,084
 St Mirren: Thomson 7, McCormack 6, Beckett
 7, Fulton 6, Copeland 7, Stark 6,
 ★**ABERCROMBIE** 8, Richardson 6, Boag 6
 (sub. McDougall 7), Bone 6, Scanlon 6.
 Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 7, Moyes
 6, McAdam 7, MacLeod 8, Sullivan 6,
 ★**BURNS** 9, Crainie 6, McGarvey 6 (sub.
 McStay), McCluskey 8.
 Referee: W. McLeish (Stonehouse)
 Match Rating: ★★

First Division

AYR (0) 1 (McInally 48)
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Clelland 80)
 Att: 3,185
DUMBARTON (0) 0
CLYDEBANK (0) 2 (Millar 54, McCabe 60)
 Att: 1,720

FALKIRK (1) 1 (Conn 12)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
 Att: 2,000

HAMILTON (1) 2 (Craig 9, Fairlie 60)
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
 Att: 1,277

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Clark 53)
HEARTS (1) 5 (Pettigrew 10, 61, 89, Addison
 56, Byrne, pen 85)
 Att: 2,620

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 3 (Crawley, pen 68,
 Wood 73, Verrachia 82)
EAST STIRLING (0) 0
 Att: 800

RAITH (0) 0
KILMARNOCK (1) 3 (Mauchlan 25, Burke
 63, McDiicken 89)
 Att: 1,000

Second Division

ARBROATH (2) 2 (Robb 31, 44)
MONTROSE (0) 0
 Att: 764

BERWICK (2) 4 (McKenna 7, Marshall 41,
 Armstrong 68, Davidson 85)
ALBION (0) 1 (Evans 75)
 Att: 656

BRÉCHIN (0) 0
ALLOA (0) 1 (Holt 60)
 Att: 400

CLYDE (0) 1 (Docherty 57)
STENHOUSEMUR (0) 0
 Att: 400

COWDENBEATH (2) 3 (Farningham, og 2,
 Forrest 10, Marshall 67)
FORFAR (0) 1 (Brown, pen 72)
 Att: 440

EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Neilson 82)
MEADOWBANK (0) 0
 Att: 468

STIRLING (1) 2 (Cavanagh 35, Steel 47)
STRANRAER (1) 1 (Sweeney 5)
 Att: 400

LEADING SCORERS

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Keegan (Southampton)	20	2	22
Rush (Liverpool)	10	11	21
Regis (West Brom)	12	8	20
Brazil (Ipswich)	13	6	19
McDermott (Liverpool)	13	3	16
Dalglish (Liverpool)	8	7	15
Chapman (Stoke)	13	1	14
Cross (West Ham)	11	3	14
Wark (Ipswich)	9	4	13
Reeves (Man City)	13	0	13

Division Two

Stainrod (QPR)	12	7	19
Bannister (Sheff Wed)	16	1	17
White (Luton)	15	1	16
Varadi (Newcastle)	14	2	16
Moore (Rotherham)	14	2	16
Garner (Blackburn)	11	4	15
Fern (Rotherham)	12	2	14
Aylott (Barnsley)	9	4	13
Banks (Barnsley)	13	0	13
Mayes (Chelsea)	9	4	13
Wyde (Oldham)	12	1	13

Division Three

Cassells (Oxford)	10	11	21
Davies (Fulham)	17	1	18
Kellow (Exeter)	15	1	16
Coney (Fulham)	9	6	15
Thomas (Oxford)	11	4	15
Phillips (Southend)	13	2	15
(10-2 with Northampton)			
Harford (Bristol City)	11	3	14
Fletcher (Huddersfield)	7	7	14
White (Gillingham)	11	2	13
Chatterton (Millwall)	9	4	13

Division Four

Madden (Bury)	27	7	34
Cooke (Peterborough)	22	4	26
Mutrie (Hull)	22	1	23
Allinson (Colchester)	17	5	22
Campbell (Bradford)	16	3	19
Edwards (Sheff Utd)	18	1	19
Bremner (Colchester)	15	3	18
Houchen (Hartlepool)	17	1	18
Walwyn (York)	15	2	17

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

Clark (Airdrie)	14	2	16
McCluskey (Celtic)	13	3	16
Sturrock (Dundee Utd)	8	8	16
McGarvey (Celtic)	10	5	15
MacLeod (Celtic)	8	5	13
Bannon (Dundee Utd)	7	6	13

First Division

Millar (Clydebank)	15	4	19
McNaughton (Dunfermline)	14	3	17
Frye (Ayr)	9	8	17
McLaughlin (Motherwell)	14	2	16

Second Division

Forrest (Cowdenbeath)	15	8	23
Robb (Arbroath)	14	5	19
Lawson (Berwick)	14	5	19
Campbell (Brechin)	13	5	18
Jobson (Meadowbank)	11	6	17
Davidson (Berwick)	10	7	17

MATCH WINNERS

THE three lucky winners of our soccer coaching competition which appeared in the February 27 issue of 'Match' each win a week's coaching at the Eurosports Village in Suffolk with a chance to take part in the FA Super Skills awards. They are: Brian Bales, New Costessey, Norfolk; Colin Hanna, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex; and Mark Wilson, Sheffield.

VOTE NOW!

THE search is on for the 'Match Weekly Man of the Year' and we want you, our readers, to name him!

Over the next three weeks, you will have the chance to nominate the player you think has done most for the game this season.

And you could be the lucky person to present our 'Man of the Year' trophy to the winner of our poll if your entry coupon is picked out!

You made young Aston Villa striker Gary Shaw your 'Man of the Year' last season and the question now is — who will succeed him?

It might be any one of our regular 'Match' columnists . . .

England skipper Kevin Keegan for instance, who has been the First Division's leading scorer for most of the season!

Or maybe Spurs star Glenn Hoddle whose midfield brilliance has been a major factor in his club's push for honours.

Then there's Paul Mariner, whose goal against Hungary at Wembley ensured England's passage to the World Cup Finals.

And don't forget Liverpool skipper Graeme Souness and Manchester United favourite Steve Coppell — both vital to their team's championship hopes.

You might vote for West Brom striker Cyrille Regis, whose sharp shooting has forced him into the England reckoning for the first time.

And, indeed, you could choose a team-mate of any of the above players — Gary Bailey, Bryan Robson, Frank Stapleton, Arnold Muhren, Alan Brazil, Ian Rush, Kenny Dalglish, Ray Clemence, Tony Galvin . . . the choice is endless.

You may look to Scotland and a player like Paul Sturrock of Dundee United,

whose goals have been a driving force this season.

And don't forget the players in the lower divisions like hot-shot Craig Madden of Bury, who had scored an amazing 32 goals up to March 6!

It's up to you to make your choice.

Just fill in the coupon below stating your choice for 'Man of the Year' and say why you believe he should win the award (in not more than 30 words).

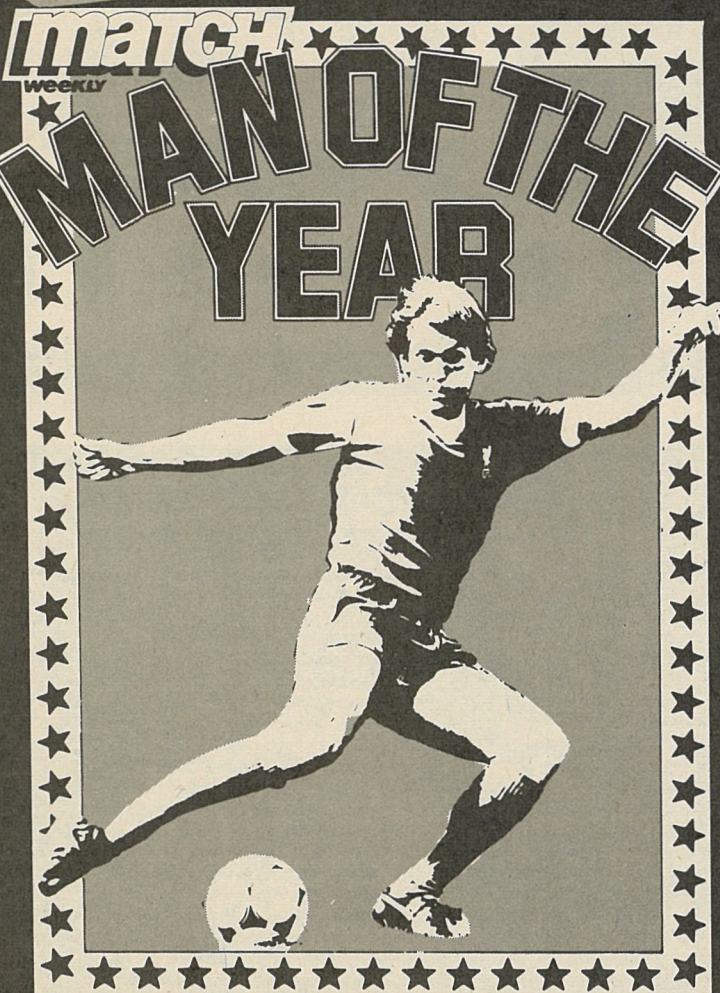
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We'll be publishing some of your comments . . . and anyone who has their remarks published wins £2.

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The closing date for all entries will be April 9 and results will appear in the April 24 issue . . . together with the name of the lucky reader who will present the coveted award.



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THE fans will roll up at Hampden Park next week, hoping to witness a Scotland win and the further demise of Holland as a major soccer force.

But while experienced Celtic full-back Danny McGrain is looking for a victory, he believes a solid, all-round team performance is more important.

"It's no use winning all your preparatory matches and then failing to produce any form in Spain," says the dependable defender who missed the last World Cup Finals through injury.

"I don't think Jock Stein will be selecting a team to steam-roller the Dutch.

"He has to find the right blend before Spain and is bound to experiment with fresh players and new systems.

"So, while we obviously want a victory to boost confidence, it's important that the team as a unit plays well.

"I know we lost 3-0 in Spain, but two of the goals were debatable penalties and we were unlucky not to get a draw.

"We played quite well as a team, showing composure in defence and lots of skill in midfield.

"What we need to do is sharpen up near goal because several chances went begging.

"But we've got to make sure we don't peak before the Finals because that's where the results will matter.

"We've got to try and learn something different from every game before the World Cup Finals and that's why the results are not going to be that important.

"Holland were runners-up in the last two World Cup Finals and they will no doubt be keen to do well at Hampden.

"Having failed to qualify this time, they will want to show the public that they are on the way back, just as we would if we had failed to qualify.

"But they are certainly not the side they were four years ago when Scotland beat them in Argentina.

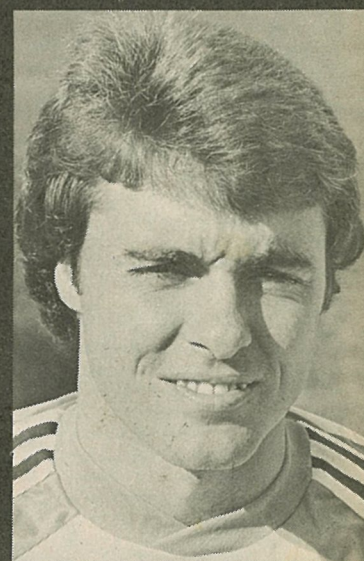
"It's also noticeable at Dutch club level. In a pre-season tournament, Celtic had a convincing win over Feyenoord who are regarded as one of their top clubs."

Drubbing

France, meanwhile, one of England's World Cup opponents in Spain, could next week feel the backlash of Northern Ireland's recent 4-0 drubbing at Wembley.

The Irish are still smarting from that British Championship hiding, and young defender Mal Donaghy stresses: "We're keen to put the record right.

"We only conceded three goals in our qualifying programme, but we had a bad night defensively against England and were punished," says the Luton player who was forced into a midfield role at Wembley because of injury problems.



Mal Donaghy of Northern Ireland — "We're keen to put the record straight against France."

"I know people say that the British Championships aren't important, particularly in World Cup year, but when you play in a showpiece match at Wembley, you're keen to do well.

"It's possible that the defeat by England will shock the lads into producing something better against France.

"There wasn't really a lot at stake against England and the lads didn't seem to be geared up for it.

"In the World Cup matches, everyone was on their toes, but the preparation for the England game seemed far more light-hearted.

"It's possible we could face France in the second round of the World Cup if we both qualify, and after the Wembley game, I would rather face them than England.

"But we will be looking for a confidence-booster to erase the memory of that 4-0 defeat.

"It's going to be tough because France are playing well at the



Wales' Alan Curtis: "It would be nice to show the rest of football how unlucky we are not to be in the Finals."

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SCOTLAND, Northern Ireland and Wales all go into international action next Wednesday.

For both the Scots and the Irish, their clashes with Holland and France respectively give them another chance to get it right as they look ahead to the World Cup Finals and for Wales, who play Spain, it's a chance to show the world what they could have done had they qualified.

Reporter Melvyn Beck talks to three of the stars who will be in action . . .

moment with Michel Platini outstanding in midfield.

"They showed by beating Italy recently that they are very much in form.

"But, as with the other finalists, it's going to be the results in Spain that matter."

Meanwhile Wales go to Spain next week determined to show the rest of the soccer world how unlucky they are not to be returning there in the summer for the World Cup Finals.

It's Wales' first match since knowing their World Cup fate last November when Czechoslovakia pipped them on goal difference for a place in the Finals.

Although manager Mike England is expected to experiment with the European Championships in mind, Swansea striker Alan Curtis feels the Welsh will be keen to prove a point or two in Valencia.

"With Scotland having lost 3-0 there recently, it would be nice if we could get a result to show the rest of football how unfortunate we are not to be in the Finals," he says.

Fever

"It's a match that is helping the Spanish preparations for the Finals, but we are not going over there for the ride.

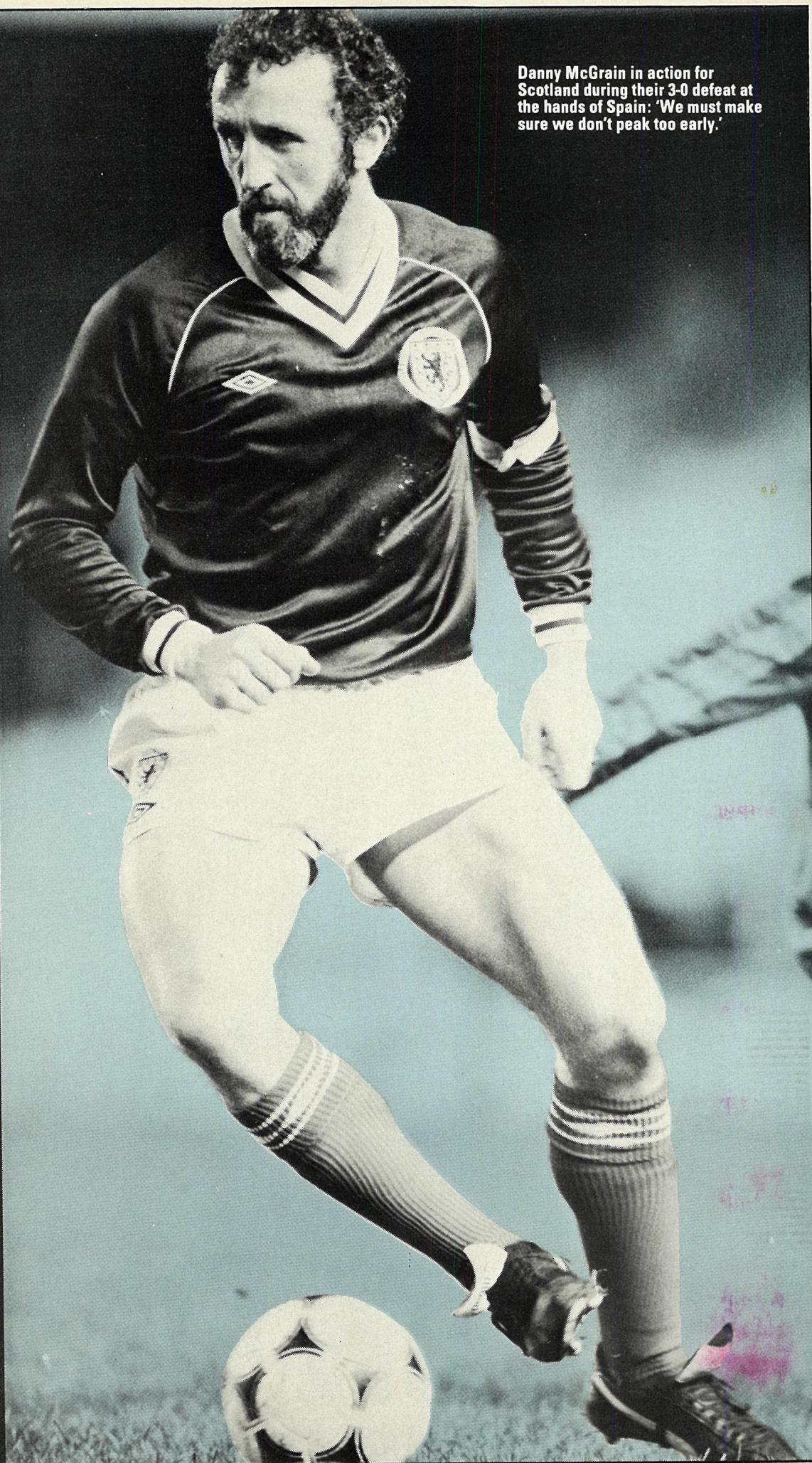
"We will be out to prove something as we look towards the European Championships which start next season.

"I suppose the fact that we are not in the Finals will come home to us when we go to Spain, where World Cup fever is hotting up.

"We all feel that we deserve to be in the Finals, and the disappointment has made the Swansea lads in the squad more determined to do well at club level.

"We are keeping Wales on the map by staying near the top of the First Division and we are hoping that our success will help atone for our country's absence from the Finals."

Danny McGrain in action for Scotland during their 3-0 defeat at the hands of Spain: 'We must make sure we don't peak too early.'



FULL NAME: James Anton Blyth.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Perth, February 2, 1955.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6 ft 1 ins/13 st 7 lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to June.
CHILDREN: Ian and Scott.
CAR: Cortina Ghia 2L and Solara 1.6.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Preston and Hereford on loan.
CLUB NICKNAME: Chay (after yachtsman Chay Blyth).
WORST EVER INJURY: Broke leg twice in 1970 and 1972.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Trevor Francis — ideal player for youngsters to model themselves on.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: West German goalkeeper Harold Schumacher — a superb all-round 'keeper.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, McGrain, Charles, Moore, Cooper, Edwards, Finney, Greaves, R Charlton, Law, Best.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XL: Banks (England), Alberto (Brazil), Moore (England), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Cooper (England), Gerson (Brazil), Netzer (W. Germany), Muller (W. Germany), Cruyff (Holland), Pele (Brazil), Best (N. Ireland).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Frank Worthington's for Bolton v Ipswich in 1979.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Wouldn't like him to know.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: A 1-0 win over Liverpool in 1978.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing for Scotland at Hampden Park.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Failing the medical when I was set to join Manchester United.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Golf.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Listening to music and playing with my two sons.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking, ignorant people and boring coaches.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Most comedy and quiz shows.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Medical programmes when showing operations.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Diana Ross.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and salmon.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager and lime.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Marx Brothers, Paul Newman and Bo Derek.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Arthur.
BEST FRIEND: Brian Roberts.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: All the coaches and managers I've been associated with.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Hooligan elements.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Medium fillet steak.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Two full Scotland caps and nine youth caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: As the late Bill Shankly once said: "To die a healthy man."
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a major honour with Coventry.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Coventry's Ian Butterworth.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Sian Adey-Jones.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work on your game and listen to advice from the coaches.



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